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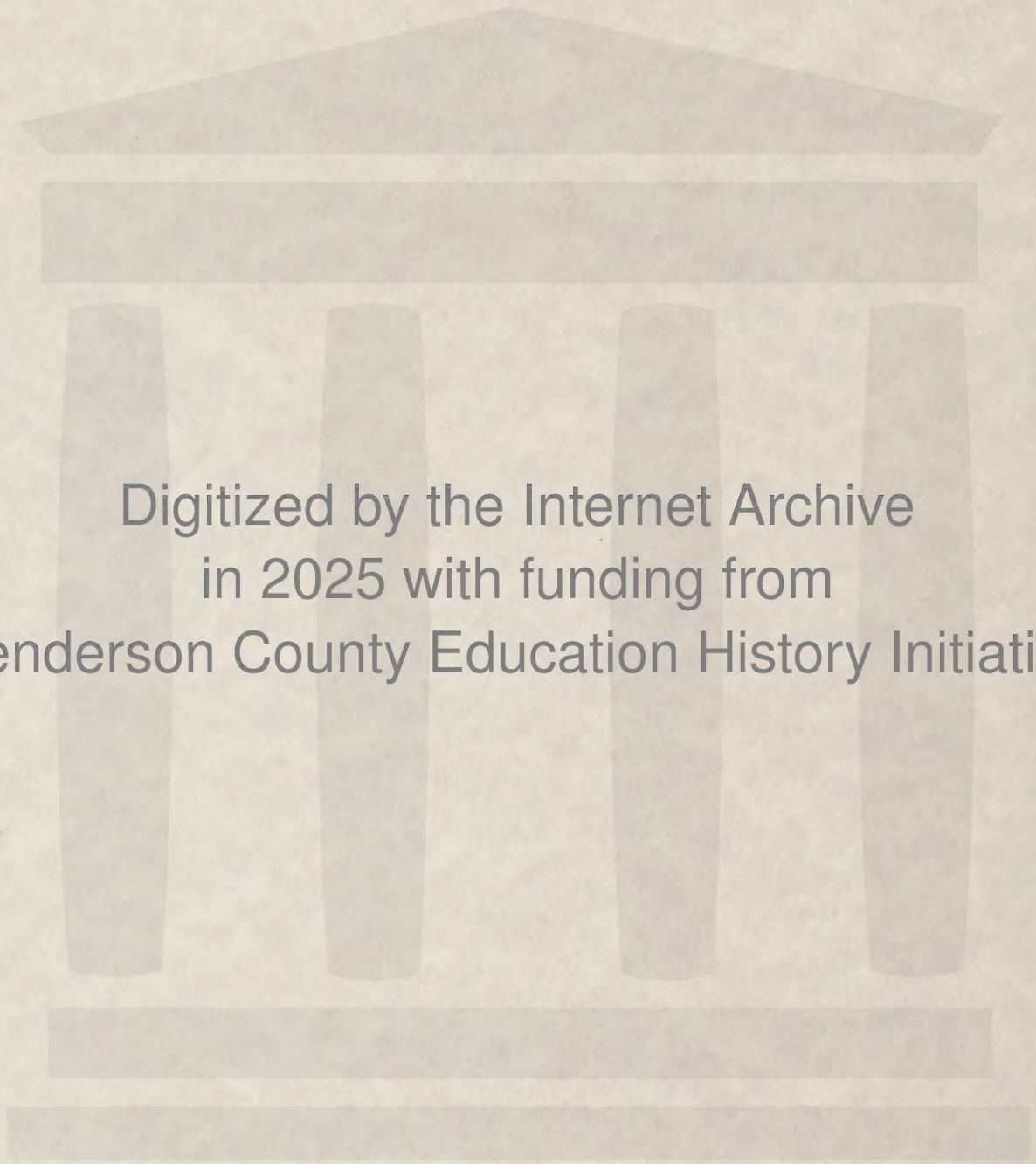

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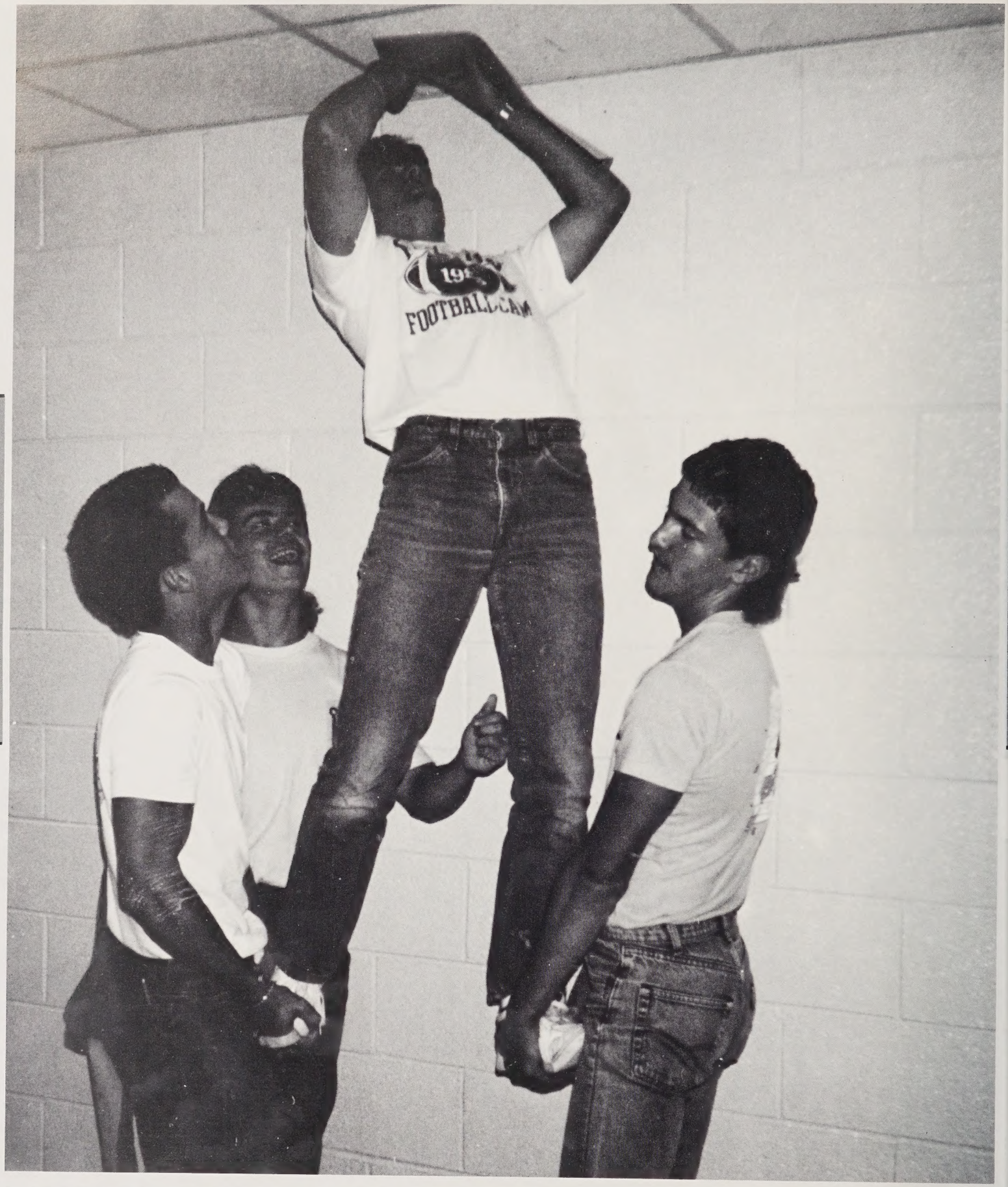
There is fun to be found in every day at West. Senior Anne Rhodes especially enjoys Homecoming Day.



Managing to make assignments fun, Daniel Mace, Tony Bryant, Kevin Lance, and Brian Hartsell gather art textures.

Falcons Know How To

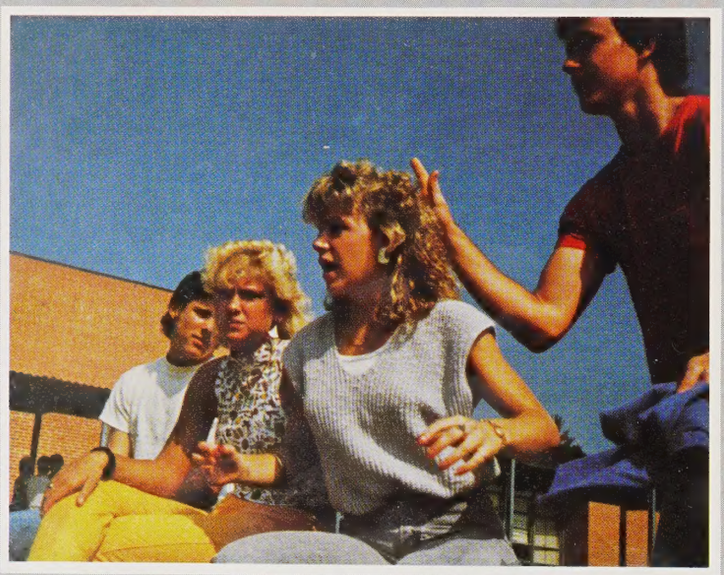
HAVE FUN

Surely it has been said that fun is where you find it. It was not difficult to find it at West Henderson. Students on "the hill" found fun in all that they did. It was not hard at all to have a great time when it came to Friday night football games, victory dances or weekend fiestas. But Falcon fun prevailed beyond the weekend parties and nights out with friends. All the good times will always bring a smile in remembrance of them. (cont.)

Falcons have fun in all they do. Hope Fowler inlcudes herself in the Homecoming festivities by buying balloons.

HAVE FUN

Falcon Style



In an effort to keep from being stung, David Schaffer flicks a bee out of Mary Hardesty's hair. Tracy McCarson and Ron Stanley are oblivious to the danger.

Hearing the trite saying "Your high school years are the best ones of your life, so make the best of them," meant nothing until it finally happened. Falcons knew how to do just that. Homework and long hours in class were not so painful because we made them exciting. Boredom was a word that was never a part of the vocabulary of a West student. There was a bright side to everything because we made certain that we, as spirited Falcons, could look back and mean it when we said, "Now wasn't that fun!"

Flag Corps members Melissa Teaster and Mandy Griffin carry their flags up the stadium steps after a long afternoon of practice.

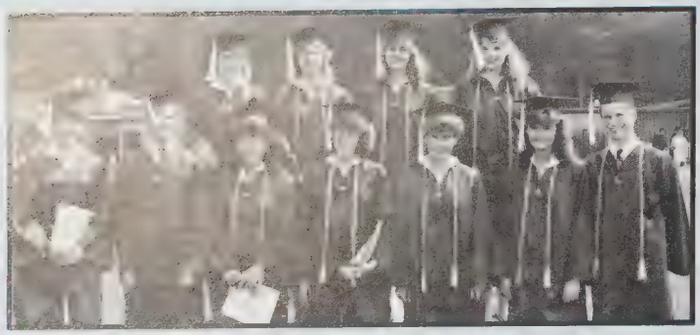
Good friends and Good times
are essential in a Falcon's

STUDENT LIFE

Being a student at West High was more than just attending classes and doing homework. It involved trying to talk to as many people as you could during the short lunch period, begging your boss to let you off on Friday nights so you could go to the ballgames and basically having fun being an enthusiastic "Full-Time Falcon."

Sophomores Kim Curtis and Sandra Hellund discuss the overwhelming manliness of a certain senior male.

Relaxing in the library after a hard weekend, Ricky Moore and Kris Stepp sit back and read about the latest world happenings.

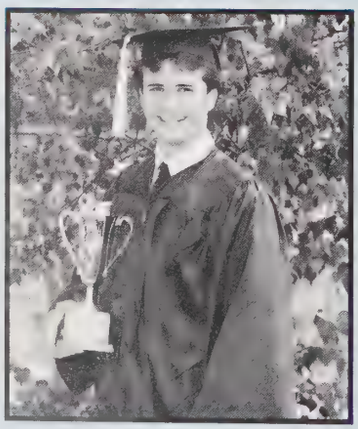


Honor Block — Front Row: Margaret Watson, Mark Ledbetter, Kiko Nakano, Laura Doggett, Michele Koszarsky, Gina Wilkie, James Engelhardt, **Back Row:** Jenny Hopkins, Angela Carter, Melissa Barton, Lynn White.

Junior Marshals: Front Row — Danny Case, Greg Waitt, Roger Barkley **Second Row** — Karen Gruca, Lea Hoxit, Susan Thorsland, Tammy Sams, Karen Ricker **Back Row** — Bowdie Isanhart, Frank Whitlock

N. C. Scholars — Front Row: Jennifer Garren, Pam Gentle, Mary Coggins, Beth Davis, Laura Doggett, Lynn White **Second Row:** Barry Ingle, Jenny Hopkins, Linda Metcalf, Kiko Nakano, Angela Burke, Kristie Bailey, Sylvia Gunderson **Third Row:** Mark Ledbetter, Scotty Zigman, Wes Hamilton, Kevin Parker, Joseph Blackwell, Jeff Young **Fourth Row:** Angela Carter, Karen Martin, Melissa Barton, Michelle Dixon

Beth Davis
Sertoma Citizenship Award



Greg Nesbitt
Kiwanis Cup

Lynn White
Rotary Cup

Gina Wilkie
Falcon Pride Award

Great events in the spring of '86:

GRADUATION

With memories of the spring of 1986, how could this year go wrong?

The Junior-Senior Prom, held only a week before graduation, was one last chance for the seniors to attend a social function with the underclassmen. In the courtyard of Deerpark, with music provided by KSFM, couples danced the night away, creating memories to last a lifetime.

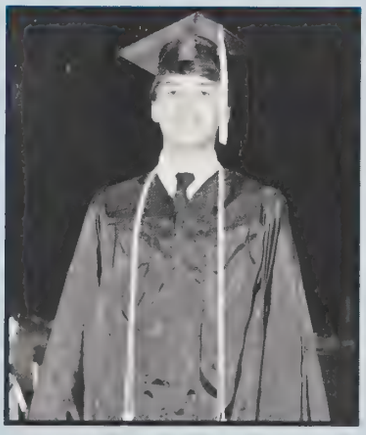
The day before graduation all of the seniors filed into the auditorium for the annual Awards Assembly. For many, this day was more emotional than the actual graduation ceremony.

The seniors had different thoughts going through their minds as they moved onto Johnson Field on June 3rd. Some were fearful, others full of hope and still others were not sure how they felt, but all felt a sense of pride and accepted their diplomas, because they knew they had completed three years and emerged as "Proud Falcons."

During the Junior-Senior Prom at the Deerpark Restaurant Mary Coggins and Willie Smith enjoy an upbeat song.

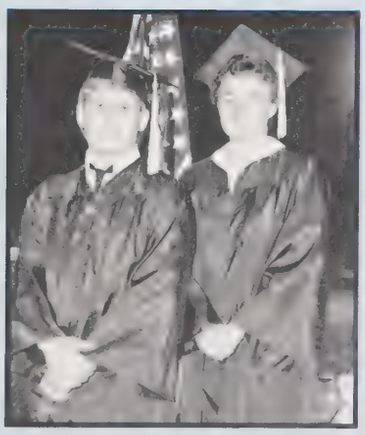
PROM

Laura Doggett
Faculty Award for
Academic Excellence



Don Hunnicutt
Youngblood Leadership

Rhonda Norton
Youngblood Citizenship



Shannon Baldwin
Linda Metcalf
Youngblood Athletic

Changes Revealed

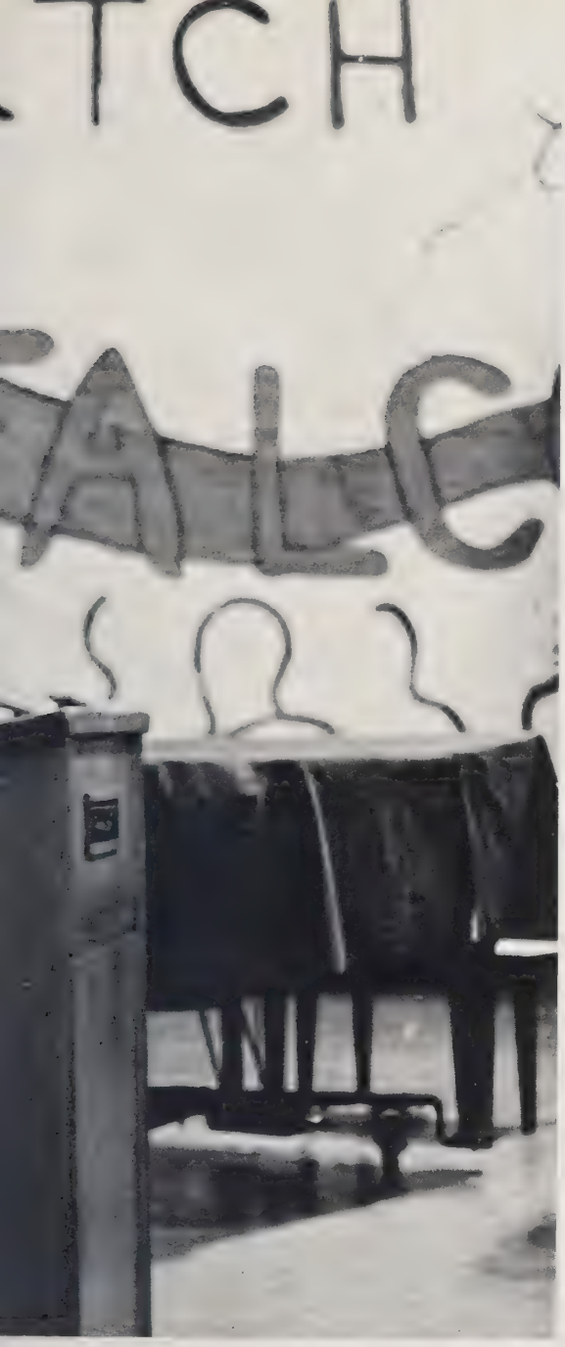
FIRST WEEK

Falcons, old and new, got some real surprises as "First Week" got started.

Dr. Kohlan Flynn announced that there would be changes at West. We had no idea how many! He introduced the Basic Education Plan which, when translated, meant longer classes and shorter lunches.

Then, the changes took a new twist. Due to the record-breaking heat wave, students would be allowed to wear shorts! **Dr. Flynn** made it clear that if they became indecent, the privilege would be taken away. Most students, such as senior **Ross Graham,** felt that, "Everyone has enough self-pride not to wear anything embarrassing."

Dr. Flynn also announced that students would be allowed to bring canned drinks to school. In exchange, Student Council would collect the aluminum cans to raise money for the student body. Even though the litter did become somewhat a problem, most students agreed with sophomore **Pam Blankenship** who stated, "Anything is better than Hawaiian Punch!"



Student Body President, Danny Case fills the students in on all the changes that took place over the summer.

Unfamiliar with the high school scene, sophomores Jason Stanley, Todd Murphy and Lynn Norton stick together at lunch.

Falcons are given a chance to display their spirit at a pep rally the first week of school despite the Basic Education Plan.

Falcons old and new are greeted by numerous posters geared to promote spirit on the first day of school. Varsity cheerleader Jenni Bagwell says "Making spirit posters is a good way to express my school spirit. It also helps me get pepped up."

We displayed our best at

HOMECOMING

The night of Oct. 24 was cool and brisk as alumni, students, teachers, and fans gathered in Johnson Stadium. Everyone was excited for the important event that was to take place during halftime.

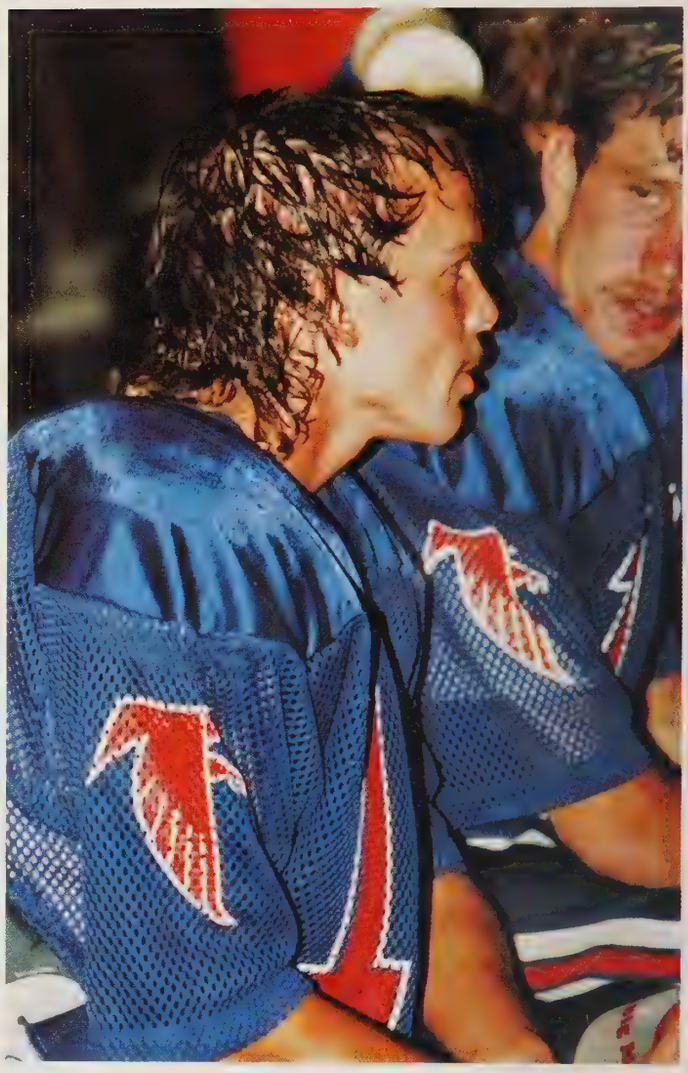
The mighty Falcons played a strong game. **Coach Carroll Wright** stated that it was their best blocking game by far.

At halftime, members of the Homecoming Court and their escorts were introduced as they took their places on the field.

Then, cutting the tension like a knife, a voice over the loud speaker announced, "Our 1986 Homecoming Queen is **Miss Melinda Worley.**"

Following the 31-0 thrashing of Franklin, the Falcons knew the sweet taste of victory and danced the night away at the Homecoming dance.

On the Falcon sideline Paul Whitaker and Andrew Nickell await the final minutes of victory over Franklin.



1986 Homecoming Queen Melinda Worley escorted by Craig Fisher, is crowned by her predecessor, Kris Ann Summey. Chelsea Long and Allison Walters are the junior attendants.

Sophomore representative Kristen Koszarsky escorted by David Robinson, junior representatives Hayley Davis escorted by Steve Kilpatrick, Missy Parker escorted by Brad Hutchinson, Sherry Smith escorted by Taylor Sullivan, and sophomore representative Greta Byrd escorted by Scott Riddle

Senior representative Kelly Baker escorted by Larry Miller

Senior representative Shelly Henderson escorted by Sammy Riddle

Senior representative Anne Rhodes escorted by Tony Young

Senior representative Karen Ricker excorted by Tim Youngblood

Senior representative Melinda Worley escorted by Craig Fisher

Relaxing casually on the sidewalk Craig Fisher and a bench full of buddies: Chris Barber, James Lindsey, Tony Bryant, Jason Shropshire, and Kevin Lance discuss the upcoming weekend.

Cheering along with the cheerleaders, many of West High's students express their "Falcon Spirit" at one of our pep rallies.

Picturesque St. Henderson is the home of that famous Falcon spirit.

Taking a lunchtime siesta, Jeff Franklin makes himself comfortable on the laps of Carlynne Cairnes, Jason Bryson, and Scott Branch.

That ever-present

FALCON SPIRIT

One morning last May (1986), we arrived at school to find that we were no longer West Henderson. Mysteriously our name had been changed. "We" had been removed. Now on our hill stood St. Henderson. It took a while to get used to, but even with the new name there was no doubt we were still "Falcons". Falcon spirit could be seen everywhere, from the banners in the hallways to the enthusiasm of students at sporting events. We proved that our name might have changed but we still had that spirit that kept the football team motivated, even though the Basic Ed program didn't allow weekly pep rallies. Our pride led us to many accomplishments, both academic and athletic.

Although we remained St. Henderson for only a few months, we proved that you can take the "we" out of West, but you can't take the pride, spirit or personality out of a Falcon.

Her unique style of dressing expresses April Anderson's own personality.

Even the simplest task is done in style, as Beth Kuykendall shows while wearing an all-denim outfit.

Our style reflects the

FADS

All of us had our own unique way of dressing. "My moods influence what I wear," said junior **Kelly Crisp.** But everyone was influenced by fads.

It seemed as if denim was the latest rage, with coats, shirts, skirts, even boots being fashioned from denim. "I like the comfort, style, and versatility denim gives me," **Kelly** added.

Some of last year's fads hadn't yet faded and could still be seen on campus. Oversized sweatshirts, **Reeboks** and flowered prints were just a few of the still popular leftovers.

Although fads helped shape a person's wardrobe, most students agreed that being comfortable came before being fashionable.

Decked out in their denim, Melinda Worley, Kim Simpson and Kelly Crisp return to class after a short lunch period.

After Hours — *mini-mag*

Being full-time students left little opportunity for Falcons to pursue their personal extra-curricular interests, but somehow they managed to become involved in many activities and projects that did not have anything to do with textbooks. The independent lives of students were equally as important as their lives "on the hill," and Falcons found many fun pastimes after the final dismissal bell rang. This new section, called "mini-mag," pursues the interests and activities of students during their own time. This includes everything from volunteer work to weekend fun with friends.

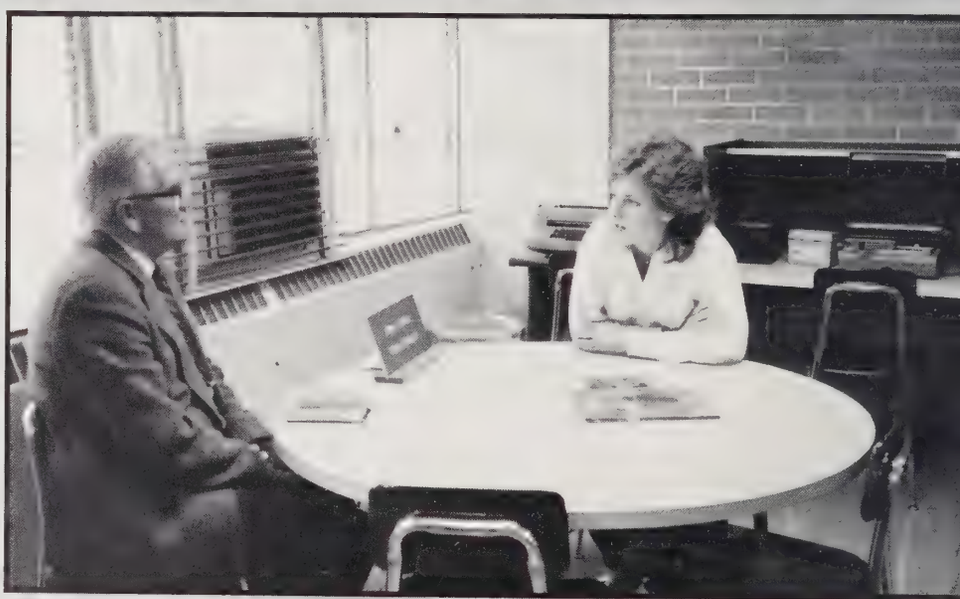
After the school day, *working as a cashier at Ingles provides Jenny Kumor with extra money.*

Spending time *at Blue Ridge Mall, Terry Anton and Mike Adams try on gold jewelry.*

In Suspense

With the arrival of autumn, college catalogs flooded into the guidance office. Seniors applied to colleges with mixed emotions. Full of anticipation throughout November and December, seniors awaited replies from the college of their choice. **Kelly Baker** *was disappointed to hear that she had to wait until April 15 to get a definite answer. "I don't know whether to accept admissions from other colleges." While seniors were thinking about what would happen after their diplomas were in hand, juniors struggled to achieve a satisfactory grade point average and wondered if the SAT was really as mind-boggling as everyone said. Not everyone plans on attending college after high school. The choices are endless, and every student decision is their own.*

The happy couple Dwayne Gasperson and Tina Wiggins spend an evening posing for pictures before Dwayne leaves for his post in Hawaii.



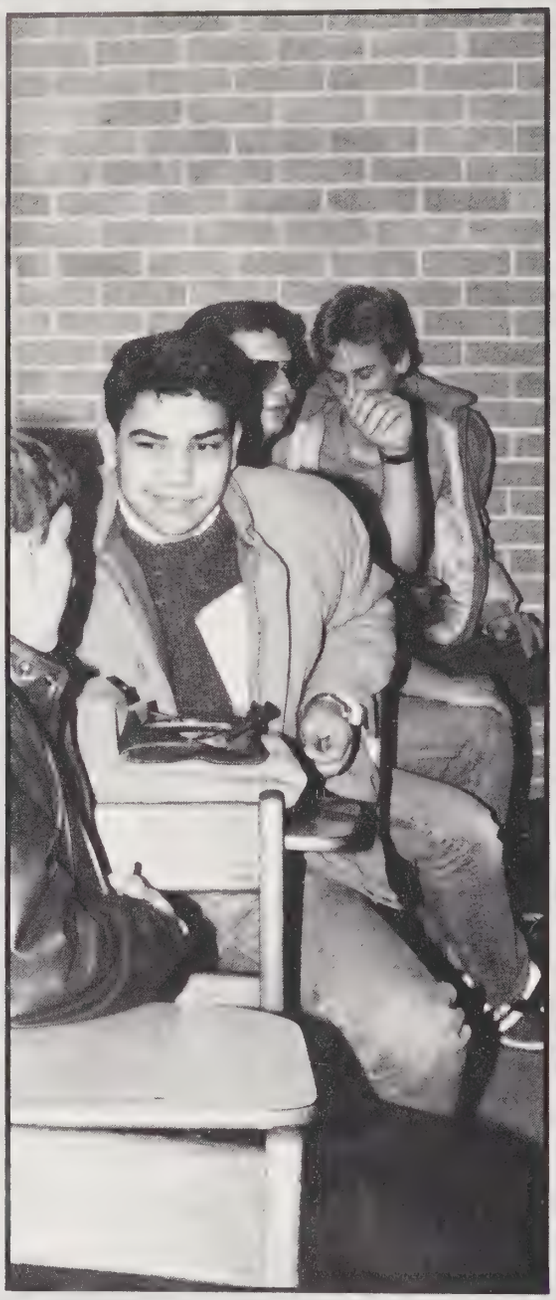
During her lunch hour, Michelle Sierpiejko talks with a Greensboro College representative.

Tried-and-True

Marriage. Commitment, trust, love, on your own . . . a few of the words that enter your mind when marriage is mentioned. In addition to school, typical teenage problems, bills, and maybe children, marriage is a full time job.

One married student at West High, Doris Dillian says that so far, she and her husband Tommy haven't had any problems they haven't been able to handle. Their daughter, Shannon, is taken care of by Doris' mother while she attends school and Tommy works. While Doris is enjoying her independence and motherhood, Tina Wiggins looks forward to the future following the same footsteps. After graduation, Tina plans to marry at the end of June and will be moving to Hawaii while her fiancé Dwayne Gasperson is stationed in the army.

Celebrating their first Christmas together, Todd Warren and Cindy Stewart begin plans for their marriage.



During advanced math class, William Angle says something that amuses Mexican exchange student, Jorge Garza while Bowdie Isanhart and Frank Whitlock discuss other things

in for an Exchange

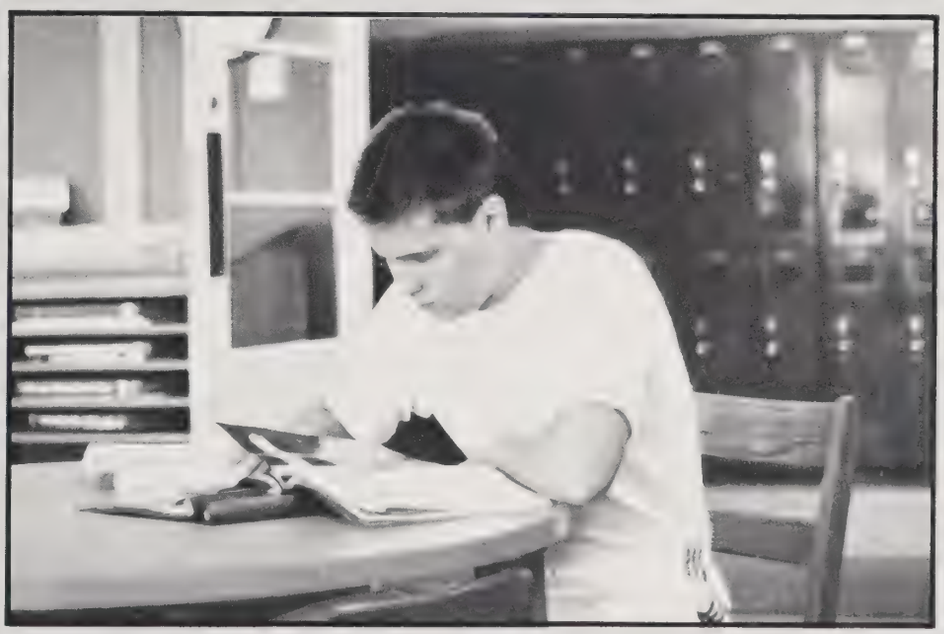
Most students take speaking English for granted, but can you imagine learning it as a second language? Johnny Kakko *is an exchange student from Sweden and began learning English in the third grade. "English is taught the same way in Sweden that French or Spanish is taught here." The only difference is that students spend more time a week studying English than Americans do studying foreign languages here.*

There are only nine years of "school" in Sweden. Johnny *has completed them and has two more years left in the study of engineering.*

When asked his opinion of our school, Johnny *replied with a grin, "Too many rules".*

Thorbjorn Wall *is from Norway and thinks much the same way* Johnny *does. He doesn't like not being allowed to leave campus for lunch — a frequent practice he grew accustomed to back home. He agrees with* Johnny *about "too many rules", that there is really no freedom of choice. Students make their own decisions in their countries. Says* Johnny, *"You get whatever grade you earn whether you go to class or not."*

Enjoying a bright September day, Johnny Kakko and Thorbjorn Wall check out their new school surroundings.



Like any typical teenage male, Johnny Kakko prefers looking at a magazine to doing his homework.

Helping Hands

mini-mag

When most people think about getting a job, they think of applying to the local grocery store as a bagger or cashier. Mike Flecker, *a senior, took a different route, however. For the past two years, Mike has had his own body shop in Etowah. He enjoys it because "You can work when you want to and set your own price."*

While Mike was busy with his business, seniors Vicki Hinkle *and* Kathy Tersinar *worked up to ten hours a week. Kathy helped out at Pardee Hospital as a candy-striper. Vicki was involved in the YMCA of Henderson County coaching gymnastics and helped several organizations throughout Hendersonville. Volunteer workers are often taken for granted, but in the long run benefit from their thoughtfulness.*

One of his completed projects this year, Mike Flecker displays the early seventies model Chevrolet before he restored it.

Getting her hours on Saturday candy-striping, Kathy Tersinar makes a bed for an incoming patient.

At the Gym and Pool Show for the YMCA, Vicki Hinkle helps her beginning gymnastic class get through their routines.

Children from the YMCA Day Camp Trailblazer visit the Knoxville Zoo and take a side trip to pet the giant tortoise.

Fun in the Sun

mini-mag

Summer is beaches and blue skies . . . but how else did West High students spend their summer? Participating in various camps was a popular choice. While the football players spent most of July and August practicing for the upcoming season, the cheerleaders participated in a camp sponsored by the National Cheerleading Association to learn new cheers and routines for games and competition.

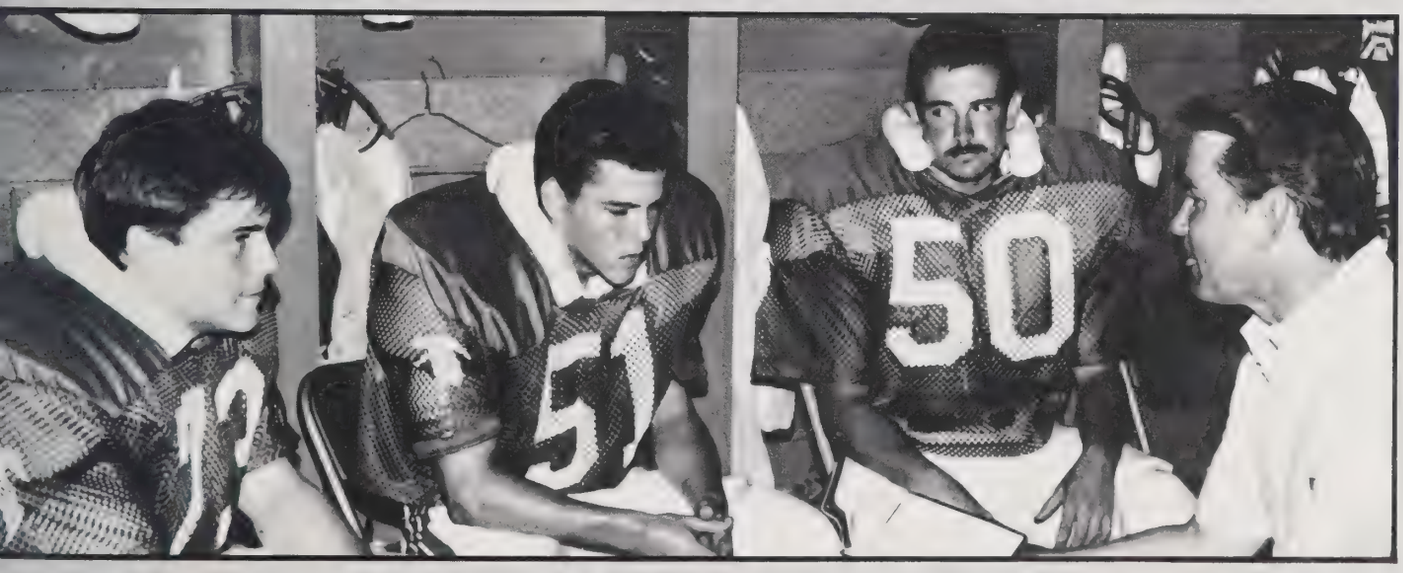
The band practiced during August for the new season. **Phillip Creasman** *will never forget "marching in the mud."*

Away from school, students could be found as counselors for various day camps in the area. "Being a day camp counselor gives you a sense of responsibility and awareness," says **Maria Gulyas.**

Whether on campus or off, students always found a way to have fun in the sun.

The Flying Falcon Marching Band listens for instructions from drum major Russ Williams before performing a well-practiced routine.

After the team's grueling summer of practicing football, Wally Shamburger reads a Psalm from the Bible to Danny Case, Daniel Mace and Mike Lemmons before the first game of the season.



Where Did Those Days Go?

Rock to the Beat

The main attraction at Western Carolina University on September 23, 1986 was not a Science fair or a football game, though these events are popular with some. The focus of hundreds of rock music fans was the Bon Jovi and .38 Special concert held in their new coliseum.

Several West students decided to make the voyage across the mountains to rock to hits such as "You Give Love a Bad Name" and "Wanted Dead or Alive" by the opening band, Bon Jovi, and "Back Where You Belong" and "Keep on Running" by the main attraction .38 Special.

Senior **Jenny Edwards** *stated, "I like Bon Jovi better than .38 Special. I had fun, but I thought I was going to lose my voice. It's hard to stay up all night long and still come to school." The fact that the concert was on a school night did not deter the enthusiasm of the participants, even though the bags under their eyes and wrinkled clothes were evidence of lack of sleep.*

The time together with friends made the show special

Jon Bon Jovi's charisma energizes his audiences.

Many Falcons grouped together for the trip to the concert. Suzanne Van Doren, Tina Wiggins, Melinda Worley, Briana Brown, Kim Simpson, Tammy Trantham, Jenny Edwards, Tammy Sams, and Christi Crocker enjoy a roadside restaurant on their way to WCU.

Courtesy of **Hit Parade**

for some. "It was an excellent concert and I loved being with all my friends because that was probably the last time we will all be together like that before graduation," observed senior **Suzanne VanDoren.**

Being loud and acting "crazy" was all a part of the fun, even though the screaming voices could not drown out the music.

The enthusiasm of the fans created an energetic atmosphere and added extra excitement to the show. Senior **Briana Brown** *summed up her experience saying, "It was a killer! It gave me a chance to act the way I always do, without the strange looks."*

Main Street

What did you do when you had seen all the latest movies? When you wanted to see old friends or meet new ones? Or when you just had nothing better to do? Head to Main Street. Falcons, as well as students from other schools around the county made Main Street in Hendersonville the "Main Cruise" on weekends. Cars, bumper to bumper causing slow traffic were not uncommon on weekend nights. All that was necessary was four wheels and a loud radio.

The blockade, enforced by the Hendersonville city police, caused an uproar resulting in protests by adults as well as students.

For Your Own Good

Being with friends and having fun was a major factor in Falcon life, but some dangers and risks were involved when part of the fun included drinking.

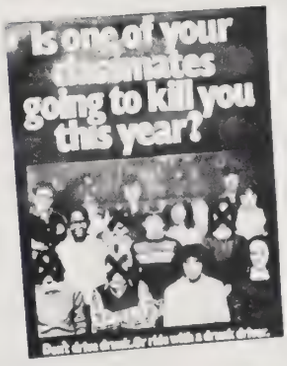
Even though the legal drinking age was changed to 21, alcohol was still prevalent at many high school parties which, in turn, led to another concern — drinking and driving.

Posters in the halls warned students of the dangers by asking bold and thought-provoking questions. These were not always pleasant, but they, at least made us stop and think.

The purpose of SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) was to work to prevent drinking and driving. Members were responsible for a display in the Blue Ridge Mall, on which a Christmas message was posted. The warning read: "A SADD Christmas Message: Go ahead — party — have a blast! But don't let this Christmas be your last." The advice was directed to everyone, advising caution for the holidays.

Members of SADD, Kelly Wirtz, Jenny Gibson, Bridgett Orren, and Lori Saunders prepare their display in the mall.

Helping to spread the message, Jenny Gibson straightens a poster which is part of the SADD campaign against drinking and driving.



Shocking us into noticing, this poster makes us think seriously about drinking and driving.

It's the Law

Shoplifters come in every size, shape, age, color, sex, and from every kind of background. Yet, most studies indicated that an overwhelming percentage of shoplifters were teenagers stealing small items for themselves, although most had enough money to pay for the item easily. The reason? "For kicks." "Everybody does it." "It's like a game."

The past few years saw a rise in teenage shoplifting caused by a widely held attitude that it was acceptable and was not punishable. Not true. As of October 1, 1986, the North Carolina law cracked down on those shoppers who conveniently "forgot" to pay for merchandise. The new law required a minimum 24 hour visit to jail for first offenders. In addition, shoplifters could expect to pay hundreds of dollars for lawyer-fees and various fines.

Rising at a rate of 20% annually, shoplifting is one of the fastest growing forms of larceny in America. According to the Department of Commerce, retail businesses lose more then $5 billion to "internal theft." Because stores can not afford such losses, they must raise the prices of their merchandise which is a punishment to everyone. The shoplifting excuse, "It costs too much" is not a valid one.

The days of light reprimands and lectures have declined. Teens rarely realize how a shoplifting conviction may damage their lives. For such an offense, young people have later been denied security clearances for sensitive jobs, admission to certain colleges and professions, jobs requiring a bond or state license, civil service posts, and even, in extreme cases, they have been denied voting rights.

Vandalism

Through the morning mist, students viewed the reds and yellows of Ronald McDonald, who was waving and smiling as he stood on the roof of the auditorium. The Arden McDonald's had to carry on without him for a few days.

A series of banners proclaiming the virtues of the "White Knights" and the "Dynamic Duo" were displayed on top of the gym.

A common sight in stores, this sign warns would-be shoplifters of the risks they face.

The first "snow storm" on the hill doesn't necessarily happen in January. Trees are often decorated with pastel colored tissue.

"Artistic" vandals spray-painted uplifting phrases, like "Satan Rules" on the sides of many buildings.

The hill was the target of many attacks causing damage to the school as well as to the pride of many students. Senior Briana Brown *grimly stated, "I think it is a disgrace. This school is a symbol to each and every one of us and it is embarrassing to have it look like a street alley."*

The vandalism attracted much attention. Looking up and seeing an undercover cop in a trenchcoat marching on the lunchroom gave students little comfort. After all, this wasn't a job for Columbo.

Much distaste was expressed by students concerning the state of the school. "It is really awful to look at. We have to come to school every day, and I don't want to see that!" complained junior Sally Wilson.

Many agreed that students were trying to say something by way of vandalism. Their hostility could not be softened through discussions; therefore they brought attention to themselves in a more destructive mode. Daren Pinkerton *said, "If someone has a point to make or something to say — fine. But, say it in some other way. This is our school and we shouldn't destroy it."*

Escorting Ronald McDonald Ronnie Heatherly and Mike Rice help to end another destructive prank.

New styles such as leather fringed boots add pizzazz to the classics of faded jeans, denim jackets and oversized sweaters as worn by Marc Campbell and Jackie Michaels.

Stylish and tough juniors like John Glenn and Ricky Womack know that "Every girl is crazy about a sharp-dressed man."

Although not new, the familiar West letter jackets represent athletic and musical achievement while making a fashion statement. Jeannie Moore, Eddie Couch, Nicole Gilliam, Denise Kohler, Kim Kisner and Jeff Brown wear the ultimate fad.

FADS REVIVED

Throughout the years the styles of clothing have changed tremendously. Our ideas of fashion have changed with the times, yet we find ourselves resorting to the styles of our parents' generation.

Many students enjoyed the freedom of variation that the styles offered. "I have fun with the old styles, but it makes me think twice before trashing anything", commented **Mindy Greene.**

This casual, yet eye-catching outfit is Suzanne Van Doren's way of saying, "You can be comfortable and still be fashionable."

Taking advantage of the privilege of wearing shorts, Sherry Smith enjoys a warm, sunny day.

Showing the new style of the senior football players, Daniel Mace displays his infamous mohawk.

With spirit and dedication, the cheerleaders

CHEER

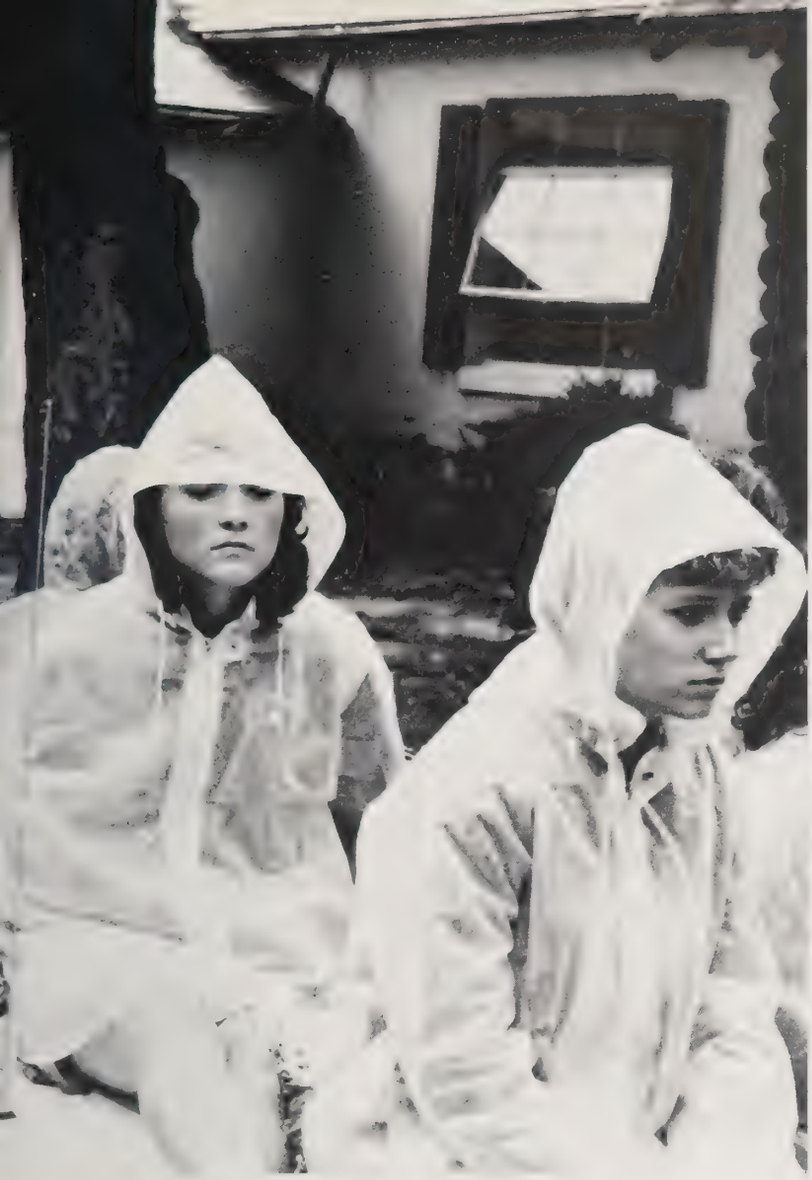
What goes through your mind when you think of cheerleaders? Is it only the pom-poms, megaphones, and the excitement of the games? Well sure, all of these things are a part of cheerleading, but there is a lot more that goes into it.

This year our varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders attended a cheerleading camp at Furman University. It included twelve hours a day of strenuous practicing of jumps, choreographing dance routines, and learning new spirit cheers.

The varsity cheerleaders were the runners-up to the All-American cheerleading squad. **Kim Kisner** and **Juliet Nicholson** were finalists for the All-American Cheerleaders.

The work didn't stop here. They then had to come home and practice what they had learned. **Kim Kisner,** the captain of football cheerleading squad, said "Yes, it involves a lot of dedication, but it all pays off when you see the crowd cheering."

Ready for another victory, the varsity cheerleaders hold up spirit run-throughs as the Mighty Falcons tear through.



Waiting for the Apple Festival Parade to begin, the dedicated varsity and j.v. cheerleaders sit patiently in the rain.

ON . . .

During the Homecoming game, the varsity and j.v. cheerleaders assist Big Bird in the Funky Chicken.

At a scrimmage basketball game, Julie Huffstetler, Juliet Nicholson, Tracy Lyda, and Sharon Thorsland show their support by wearing Falcon shirts.

1986 The year of new and outrageous

SIGHTS

Movies are a favorite pastime of many kids today. First it was *Top Gun,* the ultimate movie starring Tom Cruise. Then along came other hits such as *Under the Cherry Moon, White Knights, Out of Africa,* and *Stand By Me.* These movies awakened teenagers to the realization that the music their parents listened to wasn't so bad after all.

Along with movies came a lot of top 10 songs such as "Twist and Shout" from *Ferris Bueller's Day Off,* "Take My Breath Away" and "Danger Zone" from *Top Gun,* and "Glory of Love" from the hit movie *Karate Kid II.*

Of course, there were other songs, that could be heard on all the radio stations, like the oldie but goodie, "Louie Louie." "I like the old music because I'm used to hearing it from my dad all the time." remarked Senior Jenny Edwards

"I like the music of the past, because the lyrics have more meaning, but today's music seems to have what people want to hear," commented **Jodie Crawford.**

SOUNDS

Reaching for a cassette tape, Dawn Lee finally decides which one to buy.

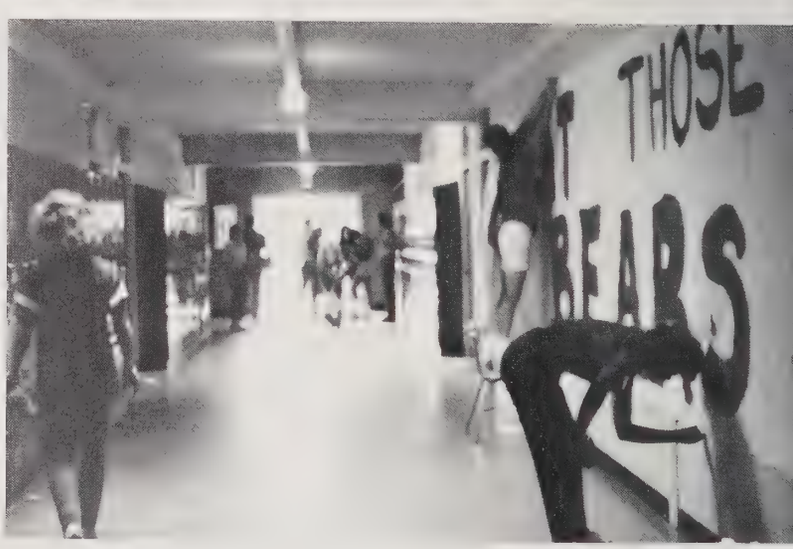
Trying to decide what movie to rent, Chris Webb and Pete Stauffer discuss the latest releases with two friends.

Browsing through the Pop and Rock section of Camelot Music in the Blue Ridge Mall, John Cunningham observes the latest technical advances with compact discs.

Many female students such as Taffy Waldrop like to decorate their lockers with pictures of their favorite male hunks.

Hendersonville students Susan Phillipee and James Twitty discuss the upcoming basketball game between West and Hendersonville with Kelly Crisp at the Blue Ridge Mall.

Before attending the first pep rally, Coach Taylor discusses the upcoming game against cross-town rival, Hendersonville High, with Mike Lemmons, Jay Redmond, and Andrew Nickell.



Friendships can form from competition and

RIVALRY

Rivalry was a major part of our high school life. There was always competition between schools — both athletic and academic. We were always trying to outdo one another to be #1. Yet even throughout all the competition, we had time to meet and become friends. **Tony Young** and **Andrew Nickell** agreed with **Brian Hartsell.** "It really shouldn't matter what school you go to. You should like people because of themselves."

Many chances to meet area students included sports competitions, church, and shopping at the Blue Ridge Mall. "I enjoy being on the swim and track teams. It gives me a chance to get to know people from other schools. I have a lot of friends from other schools. The fact that they attend other schools doesn't matter," commented **Tracy McCarson.**

Decorating the hall to promote school spirit, Kim Kisner and Angie Barkley pin up their banner for the Pisgah football game.

Seniors Sammy Riddle, Rob Worley, Brian Hartsell and Andrew Nickell strut across the courtyard making it clear where their loyalty lies.

A new cowboy hat pleases Adam Cox as he is entertained at a Christmas party by HOSA members.

The "Traveling Christmas Tree" gets a needed adjustment by Amber Wilkie as she and Tripp Harris, Student Council members, take it on its rounds. Donated money is tied to its branches to help others have a happy holiday.

Warm blankets, donated by students and faculty for less fortunate families, are counted by FCA members Karen Ricker, Jenny Gibson and Kim Kisner.

West Students join in the

SPIRIT

Acts of charity during the holiday season are common. Students at West High took part in everything from blanket drives, traveling Christmas trees, operation Santa Claus, and "adopting" a four year old child, names **Adam Cox,** who has a brain tumor. Through the students and faculty's donations, many families were able to experience the joy of Christmas.

Vicki Bush's reasons for giving were simple. "I gave money because if I was in need I would want people to do the same for me."

Students also put up a display in the Blue Ridge Mall to warn people of the dangers of drunk driving over the holidays with hope that it might save at least one life.

Students at West High showed their desire to make the world a more cheerful and pleasant place to live.

Sharing a hug, Briana Brown and Candi Selph enjoy a Christmas Party in the Child Care Lab.

GIVING

Old or new wasn't the issue; West High students drove

CLASSY CARS

They came sporty, classy, sleek, economical, in all colors, big, medium and small. They were extremely important in every teen's life. They were, of course, cars!

As everyone has noticed, movies and songs weren't the only things coming back from the past. Older cars were a big hit, too.

A car was a teen's best friend. Of course the kids went for the rich and newest cars, but as always the oldies but goodies were cherished. You could probably go through any high school parking lot and find the famous Thunderbirds,'57 Chevies, and Pontiac GTOs. The shiny finishes of Cavaliers, Toyota MR2s and the new Fieros appealed to much of the teenage population.

Taffy Waldrop's perfect car is "small, has four wheels and gets you there."

Most teenagers agreed; it didn't really matter what you drove just as long as you had wheels to get where you wanted to go.

Never missing an opportunity to put their car tops down, Tammy Trantham and Susan and Sharon Thorsland, discuss their plans for the weekend.

Even though Sammy Riddle's Mustang is at least 15 years older than Lisa Thompson's it is still a very popular car today.

This 1951 Ford truck is a collector's item and gives Roman Young a chance to practice mechanical skills.

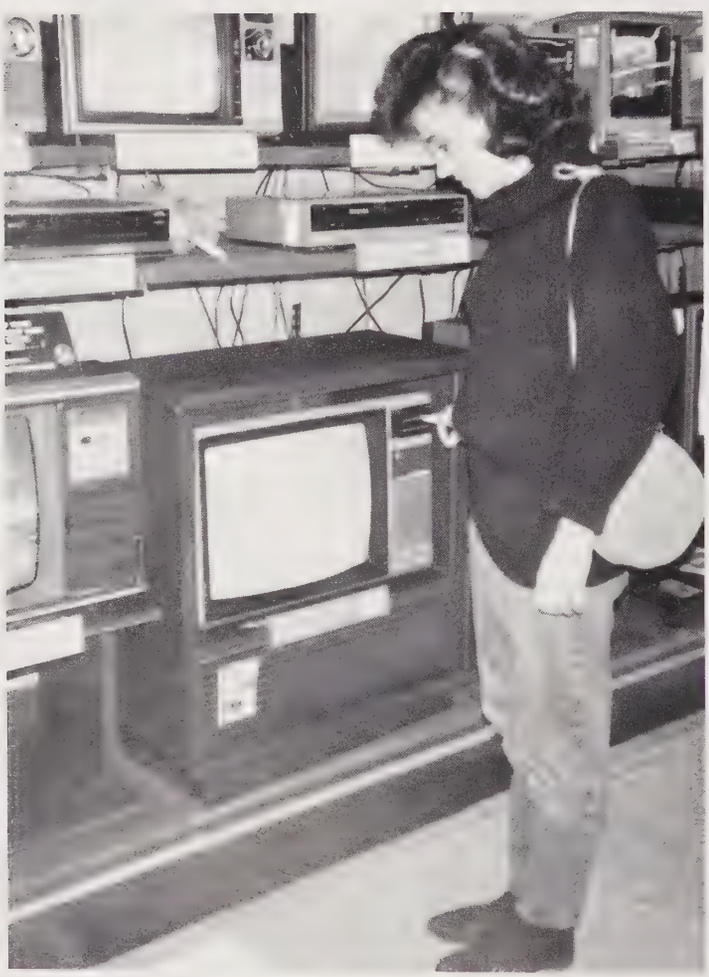
Following the trend for Datsun 280's Doug Nesbitt and Solon Logan are always eager to show their's off.

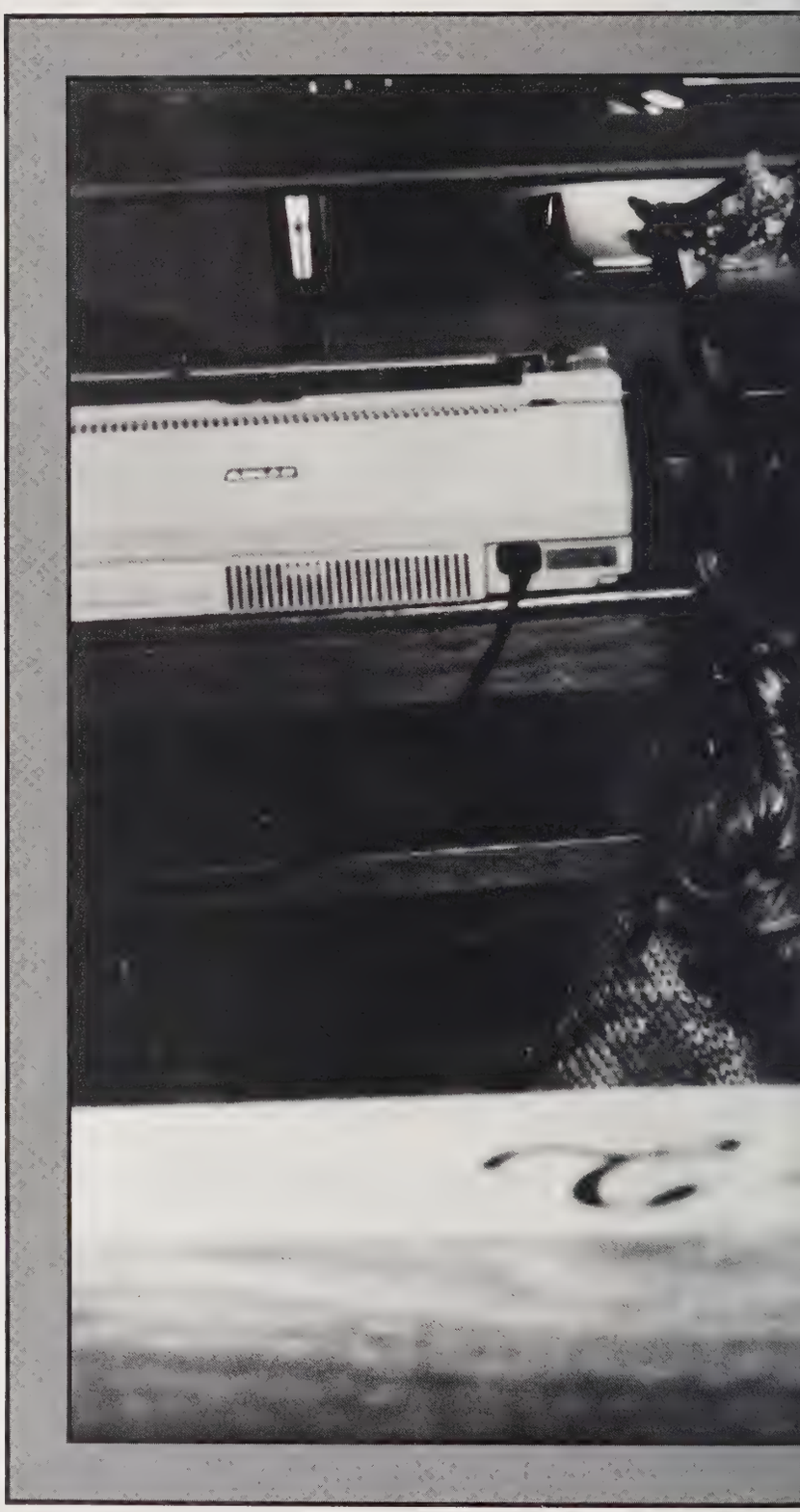
With time to take a break from his management job at Mr. Gatti's, Coach Craig Long watches some classic scenes from the *Little Rascals.*

Not wanting to miss the weather forecast, Karen Hamilton takes time to view the news on a new TV model displayed at a local department store.

Programs and stations that show music videos are becoming more and more popular. Zee Weaver always tunes in to see the *Chartbuster* videos.

Engrossed in one of Mr. Bailey's *National Georgraphic* video tapes, Kelly Baker finds that television is not only entertaining, but also educational.





Differences in Opinions make for various

TV VIEWS

Like other American teenagers, West High students didn't have a lot of spare time to spend watching television, but many felt that some shows were worth making the time for.

Junior, **Zee Weaver,** videotaped *Pee Wee's Play House* each Saturday morning so that he could sleep late and still catch his favorite cartoon.

TV sometimes led to discussions in **Mrs. Brenda Gorsuch's** second period class. Episodes of the popular and innovative show *Moonlighting* were analyzed for things such as character development.

Whether it was by tuning in to *Saturday Night Live's* "Church Chat," *The Cosby Show* on Thursdays, or *ABC's Monday Night Football,* West High students were expressing their different television views.

Falcons Are Fun

PEOPLE

Getting up at the break of dawn was never fun but always necessary in order to avoid yet another D-Hall. Most students dutifully pried themselves out of their beds and somehow managed to appear in homeroom promptly at 8:10, while others deemed it appropriate to make an entrance during the announcements. But no matter when or how you got there, looking back, it really was fun.

During lunch Julie Huffstetler recruits Craig Fisher to give her a lift across the courtyard.

In the library, Kim Kisner takes a break from her duties as library aide to socialize with Jodie Crawford.

No big deal

Remember the first football game? . . . Well, it could have been worse. And those Friday night dances? . . . They could have been better.

As for that Hendersonville game, **David Lancaster** said "Our offense never got going and our defense let too many big plays happen." And as **Ross Graham** considered the dances he said, "I think we should have had more of them and better music."

All things considered, seniors were glad to be "big seniors". This meant getting anything from getting first pick at a locker to gaining a special eating area.

Eventually, the dances got better. (And so did the football.) There were enough lockers for all, and looking back, it really was fun.

As she walks down the hall, **Danielle Welch** finds getting to her locker no easy task.

Senior Class Officers: Front — **Chan Crane** — President, **Kim Kisner** — Secretary; Back — **Mary Hardesty** — Treasurer, **Shelley Henderson** — Vice-President.

Mike Adam
Robert Howard Adam
Valerie Rene Alfar
Michelle L. Anderso
Terry W. Anto

Shana R. Arrowoo
Jodi L. Ashbur
John H. Ash
Johnathan Andrew Bait
Kelly E. Bake

Sarah P. Baldwi
Jeff L. Ballar
John D. Barb
Thomas Christopher Barbe
Roger A. Barkle

William Scott Barnet
Tammy M. Barnwe
Richard O. Batchelo
Phillip Beddingfiel
Greg L. Be

Vicki L. Be
Gina Diana Bennet
Adrian J. Berr
Chris Mark Bourk
Toni R. Bowe

Amy N. Bradley
Beth L. Brewer
Margaret Marie Brittain
Tonia M. Brock

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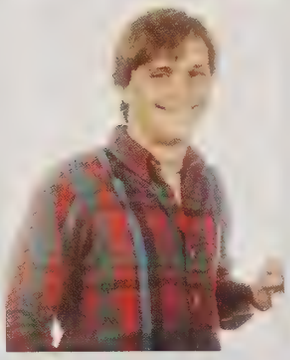

Tracy S. Brown
Ann L. Bryant
William Anthony Bryant
Tammy N. Bryson
Michael R. Burnett
Brian K. Burrell
Katherine Elaine Burse
Grace Elizabeth Bush
Christine M. Cairnes

Lisa A. Campbell
Stephen Marcus Campbell
Angela L. Cantrell
Steve A. Carpenter
Brian W. Cartee
Daniel G. Case
Matthew E. Case
Emily Denise Casteel
Michael A. Christie

Tonia L. Corn
Tony R. Corn
Pam Cox
Chan Crane
Angela L. Crisp
Deron W. Crisp
Christi L. Crocker
Heather L. Davis
Shannon R. Davis

Home away from home

This year four students from three different countries got to experience the American lifestyle firsthand.

Thorbjorn Wall and **Anne Felber** from Norway, **Johnny Kakko** from Sweden, and **Jorges Garza** from Mexico spent the year as seniors at West.

"America is better than I thought it would be," said **Thor** about the United States. He also commented that the people were nicer and the food was better than he expected.

Despite language problems, **Johnny Kakko** and **Thorbjorn Wall** have a friendly conversation.

First come first served

"I don't think it's right because we stood in the back of the line for two years" was the sentiment of senior **Mike Lemmons** and other seniors as they returned to overcrowded lunchtime conditions.

Seniors found themselves eating in the lobby after having to stand in line behind sophomores!!

Always crowded and cold in the winter, the "senior dining room" was a long way from perfect.

Seniors Keith Swayngim, Drew Nickell, Brian Hartsell, and Scott Wilkinson take advantage of the "senior dining room."

Curt E. Dellinger
Mary Joan Dickson
Doris B. Dillin
Rob T. Dixon
D. Timothy Drake
Trinisha Victoria Dunbar

Wesley N. Duncan
Jon W. Dysinger
Jenny A. Edwards
Sonya G. Ellison
Chris L. English
Patricia Ann Fayard

Ronald Craig Fisher
Mike J. Flecker
Jim R. Foyles
Angela J. Fritts
Danny L. Fulcher
Jorge Garza

Jennifer M. Gibson
Rodney R. Gilbert
Jody L. Girman
Thomas Glenn
Charles Troy Gonce
Melinda E. Gore
Mark W. Gosnell
Timothy Ross Graham
Cindy R. Grant

Cameron D. Greene
Melinda J. Greene
Carol Amanda Griffin
Karen M. Gruca
Melanie A. Guice
Maria Eve Gulyas
Kristin E. Gussman
Angela E. Hamilton

Mary Hardesty
Amanda Leigh Harris
Donna L. Harris
Laura K. Harrison
Brian P. Hartsell

Tony C. Hefner
Erin E. Helton
Michael E. Hembree
Penny Henderson
Shelley L. Henderson

Stephanie Hershberger
Krista K. Hiles
Michael Hill
Vicki Lynn Hinkle
Donna M. Holder

Ellen S. House
Lea M. Hoxit
Julie J. Huffstetler
Angie M. Hughes
Robbie Dwayne Hylemon

Ryan E. Ingerick
Tricia Israel
Laura N. Jackson
Shelley R. Johnson
Leland T. Jones
Susan B. Kellner
Kimberly J. Kisner
Diane L. Kisselburg
David M. Lancaster

Senioritis

Every year senioritis strikes even the most unsuspecting seniors, and it wastes no time in doing so. Symptoms include failing to do homework or maybe even failing to attend school every now and then. The important thing to remember is "Make your year as easy as possible so it can be as much fun as possible," advised **Wayland Shamburger.**

The acute stages of senioritis last only 180 days, and there is one cure — Graduation!

All that Linnon McClain has to say about senioritis is that it's "very contagious".

Aid(e)s at West?

Yes, of course—senior office aides and library aides, that is! Each year a handful of privileged seniors take on the task of shelving books, delivering mail, and doing any and every other odd job there is to do.

Mary Hardesty, an office aide says, "Sometimes it's boring, but most of the time **Mrs. Robinson** and **Mrs. Koszarsky** make it fun."

After finishing her duties as a library aide, **Kelly Phillips** finds time to do her homework.

Chris Lance
Kevin Lance
John Lee
Michael S. Lemmons

Paula Lietka
James S. Lindsey
Carolyn L. Livingston
Karen Beth Lockaby

Daniel Mace
Jennifer L. MacKenzie
Tony Marra
Lucinda S. Mathis

Scott W. Matthews
Cindy E. Maxwell
Darryl Maxwell
Linnon Andre McClain

Bonnie McCoy
Jon Thomas McCrary
Rebecca L. McCraw
Kimberly J. McKinney

Jackie L. Michaels
Larry D. Miller
Patricia D. Miller
Natalie R. Mitchell

Kim Marie Moffitt
Vicki C. Molton
Helen G. Moore
Chad Duane Morgan

Michelle J. Morgan
Sam J. Mull
Christopher S. Murphy
Jimi D. Murphy

Terri Osman
Gary J. Owen
Joe A. Owen
Robbey E. Owenby

A word from the wise

It has been said that there is much to be learned from the advice of the more experienced. Seniors offered sincere but questionable advice.

Brian Rayfield in his infinite wisdom, said to "party," while **Tammy Sams** offered this encouragement: "Go for it; you only live once, maybe twice depending on your religion."

A final piece of advice from **Kim Simpson,** "Your senior year is a milestone in the road of life. Don't speed through it."

Engulfed in a new computer program, **Mr. Joe Manno** and **Wayne Rumple** decide what to do next.

Andrew E. Nickell
Barry D. Norris
Steve Kirk O'Neil
Bridgett E. Orren

Clayton J. Parham
Robert Jon Paulhamus
Jason S. Perry
Angela R. Phillips

Kelly J. Phillips
Daren J. Pinkerton
Cheryl Pint
Michelle D. Pipkins

Kim M. Pitcher
Teresa R. Plemmons
Jacqueline M. Podelski
Darren Poupore

Wally C. Puckett
Scott J. Raines
Leslie Scott Randall
Sara Rauch

Brian Charles Rayfield
Jay P. Redmond
Anne Rhodes
Susan Rhodes

Kathy A. Rice
Karen M. Ricker
Sammy Riddle
Jeff D. Roberts

Christine L. Robinson
Robert Robinson
Keith Rogers
Mark Rogers

Early morning arrivers clutter the halls as Craig Fisher, Christi Crocker, Angie Phillips, Suzanne VanDoren, Briana Brown, Sally Wilson, Jenny Edwards, Lisa Thompson and Jackie Michaels come early enough to claim a parking space.

Too close for comfort

Remember waking up extra early to get to school in time to find a parking place that didn't require trudging up Mt. St. Henderson? For those of us who didn't rise before the sun, there was a problem. People parked illegally, and some were desperate enough to park on the yellow curb. The situation was bad, but no matter how bad things got, underclassmen didn't dare park in the senior lot lest they suffer the consequences. "We would have taken their car and put it in the Senior Circle or somewhere embarrassing," threatened **Brian Cartee.**

Friends such as Jimmy Foyles and Debbie Wells barely find time for a quick "hello" between classes.

Michelle Diane Rogers
Wayne Rumple
Tamara D. Sams
Lori Saunders

Trina Schleinz
Wayland W. Shamburger
Shane David Sherbondy
Philip E. Shipley
Jason Shropshire

Michelle Sierpiejko
Kim D. Simpson
Jessica M. Sisk
Jonathan M. Sitton
Deborah A. Smith

Philip Smith
Shannon M. Smith
Wayne Gary Smith
Billy Souther
Scott M. Spanbauer
Peter A. Stauffer

Kris H. Stepp
Cindy E. Stewart
Dawn M. Stoll
Keith P. Swayngim
Elizabeth Karen Tate
Melissa L. Teaster

Katherine F. Tersinar
Josette M. Thompson
Lisa C. Thompson
Shawn K. Thompson
Sharon S. Thorsland
Susan M. Thorsland
Tammy L. Trantham

Nicole Ann Turnbow
Suzanne Van Doren
Victoria Lynn Vaughn
Greg M. Waitt
Jimmy D. Walden
Kathlyn M. Wall
Thorbjorn Wall

Elisha Carol Warren
Shannon L. Warren
Heath L. Weich
Danielle R. Welch
Deborah A. Wells
William Paul Whitaker
Franklyn S. Whitlock

Best of times worst of times

Most people like to be able to express their opinions, and if someone is listening, so much the better.

Seniors when asked what they felt was the best thing about West as well as worst, had this to say:

In **Kristin Gussman's** view the best was "The people that make up West — the faculty and the students." She felt the worst was school spirit, especially when it came to acceptance of soccer. "Soccer is a new sport here, and no one really got involved enough to make the players feel welcome."

Summing up what many seniors would rank as number one, **Tonia Brock** said, "looking forward to graduation!"

Waving her pom-poms Nicole Turnbow doesn't wait for the Homecoming Game to show her school spirit.

Mike Adams' morning encounter with **Mr. Manis,** fortunately isn't the result of that dreaded intercom announcement "... report to **Mr. Manis'** office."

ha L. Wiggins
amantha L. Wilkerson

ffery D. Wilkie
lliam Scott Wilkinson

nn C. Williams
ssell W. Williams
bby Gene Willis
ott Wilson
lie L. Wirtz

nathan R. Wise
linda B. Worley
b W. Worley
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anda L. Wyatt

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n L. Youngblood

During newspaper journalism Shelley Henderson and Lea Hoxit work hard to meet a Wingspan deadline.

Seniors Ann Bryant, Jenny Edwards, Christi Crocker, Sara Rauch and Heather Davis take a walk across the courtyard after lunch.

Not Pictured

Mike D. Ballard
Phil W. Blackburn
Eric P. Castonguay
Stony C. Coffey
William L. Conrad
Phillip B. Coren
Joel M. Corn
Darrell H. Lance
Brian K. Medley
Ricky L. Moore
Chris Morris
Marilyn E. Morrison
Valerie R. Stepp
Mike Waddell
Sonya D. Worley
Michael L. Worsham

IN MEMORIAM

Kenneth Kaltenbach
1969-1986

Senior Superlatives
Senior Directory

Adams, Michael "Mike" — *Westwind* Staff 2; *Wingspan* Staff 3, 4

Adams, Robert H. "Bobby"

Anders, Brian R.

Anton, Terrence W. "Terry" — Football 2, 3; Baseball 2, 3, 4

Ashburn, Jodi L. "Worm" — DECA 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 2

Ashe, John H.

Barba, John D. — VICA 3

Barber, Thomas C. "Chris" — Basketball 2; Football 2, 3; Baseball 2

Berry, Adrian J.

Bourke, Chris M. — Student Council 4; FCA 4; Tennis 3, 4; Senior Superlative: Most Spirited Boy

Bradley, Amy N. — Band 2, 4; French Club 4; FCA 2; Chess Club 4, Sec'y 4; National Honor Society 4; Inter-Club 4

Brewer, Elizabeth L. "Beth" — Keywanettes 4

Brock, Tonia M. — Actors Ink 2, 3, 4; Thespian 4, Pres. 4

Brogden, Johnny "John" — Softball; Baseball

Brown, Briana R. "Bri" — Pep Club 2, 3; DECA 2; HERO 3, 4;

Most Attractive

Karen Ricker, Daniel Mace

Baity, Jonathan A. "Jon"

Baldwin, Sarah P. — DECA 2, 3, 4

Ballard, Jeff L. — Band 2, 3, 4; Jazz Band 4

Ballard, Michael D.

Barkley, Roger A. — French 4

Barnett, William S. "Scott" — Wrestling 3; Track 3

Barnwell, Tammy M. "Red" — Pep Club 2; DECA 2, 3, 4

Batchelor, Richard O. "Rick" — DECA 2, 3

Bell, Gregory L. "Greg" — Library Aide

Bell, Vickie L. — Pep Club 2, 3; Keywanettes 2, 3; FBLA 3, 4

Adv. Chorus 2, 3; Senior Superlative: Wittiest Girl

Brown, Jeffrey D. "Jeff" — Band 2, 3, 4; Actors Ink 4

Brown, Lisa M. — HERO 3, 4, Sec'y 3, Pres. 4

Brown, Melanie A. "Mel" — HERO 3, 4

Brown, Tracy S. "Bassett" — Pep Club 3; Track 3; Keywanettes 3, 4, Historian 4; HOSA 4

Bryant, William A. "Tony" — Wrestling 2, 3

Bryson, Tammy N. — Pep Club 3; FBLA 4

Burnette, Michael R. "Mike" — Cross Country 4

Burrell, Brian K. — DECA 2, 3

Campbell, Lisa A.

Cantrell, Angela L. "Shorty" — FHA 2; HERO 3, 4, Historian 4; Pep Club 2; HOSA 4

Cartee, Brian — Senior Superlative: Best Dressed Boy

Case, Daniel G. "Danny" — Student Council 3, 4, Pres. 4; Fotoball 2, 3, 4; Tennis 2, 3, 4; Key Club 3; National Honor Society 3, 4; Senior Superlative: Mr. Senior

Case, Matthew E. — Baseball 2, 3, 4; VICA 3

Castonguay, Eric P.

Cox, Pam J. — HERO 4

Crane, Channing L. "Chan" — Student Council 4; Senior Class Pres. 4; FCA 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4, Co-captain 4; Baseball 3, 4; Senior Superlative: Most Athletic Boy

Crocker, Christi — Senior Superlative: Best Dressed Girl

Davis, Shannon R. "Space Cadet" — DECA 2, 3, 4, Vice Pres. 2

Dixon, Robert "Rob" — Senior Superlative: Most Unique Boy

Duncan, Christine C. — DECA 2, 3, 4, Treas. 4

Fritts, Angela J. "Susan" — Pep Club 2, 3

Fulcher, Daniel L. "Danny" — Inter-Club 3; VICA 2, 3, Vice Pres. 3

Garza, Jorge E. "George" — Foreign Exchange Student (Mexico)

Gibson, Jennifer M. "Jenny" — Pep Club 3, 4, Treas. 4; Student Council 2, 4; Track 2; FCA 2, 3, 4, Sec'y 4; SADD 4, Vice Pres. 4; French Club 4; Basketball Stats 4; Adv. Chorus 3, 4

Glenn, Thomas D. — FFA 2, 3, 4; Band 2, 3; Jazz Band 2, 3

Gonce, Troy C. — VICA 3

Gore, Melinda E. — Pep Club 2; FBLA 4; Softball Stats 3; Baseball Stats 2; Basketball Stats 4; Softball 4; Adv. Chorus 3

Gosnell, Mark W.

Grant, Cynthia R. "Cindy" — DECA 2, 3, 4 Historian; FBLA 3

Greene, Cameron D. — FFA 2, 3, 4, Vice Pres. 4

Miss Senior, Mr. Senior

Melinda Worley, Danny Case

Greene, Melinda J. "Mindy"

Griffin, Carol A. "Mandy" — Band 2, 3, 4; Flag Corps 4; Actors Ink 4; Pep Club 2, 3, 4; Keywanettes 2, 3, 4; SADD 4, Falcon Mascot 3; Senior Superlative: Most Unique Girl

Gruca, Karen M. "Chipmunk" — Student Council 3, 4; Junior Class President; Senior Class Historian; FCA 4; Keywanettes 3; Volleyball 3, 4; Basketball 3, 4; National Honor Society 3; All Conference Basketball; 2nd Team Western North Carolina Basketball; All County Basketball; All Conference Volleyball; All Tournament Tea Basketball; Who's Wh Among American Hig School Students; "I Da You" Ward; Senior Superl tive: Most Athletic Girl

Guice, Melanie A. "Mel" Band 2, 3, 4; HERO 4; HOS 4; Concert Band 2, 3, 4

Gulyas, Maria E. — Pep Clu 2; Keywanettes 2, *Westwind* Staff 2, 3, 4, C editor 4; French Club 3

Gussman, Kristin M. *Westwind* Staff 2; Thespia 4, Treas. 4; Pep Club 2; So cer 4, Manager 4

Most Involved

Kathy Rice, Russ Williams

Most Flirtatious

Shelley Henderson, Brian Hartsell

amilton, Angela E. "Angie" – Band 2, 3, 4; Flag Corps 2, , 4, Captain 4; FBLA 4; Jazz and 4

ardesty, Mary L. — Track; enior Class Treasurer

arris, Donna L. — Adv. Chous; DECA 2, 3, 4

arrison, Laura K. — DECA ; HERO 3, 4

artsell, Brian P. — Football , 3, 4; FCA 4; Track 2; Most lirtatious Boy

efner, Tony C.

enderson, Penny L. — Band ; FCA 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4, Co-captain 4; Football Stats 4

Henderson, Shelley L. "Shell" — Pep Club 2, 3; Student Council 2, 3, 4; Senior Class Vice President; French Club 4, Vice Pres. 4; JV Cheerleading Basketball and Football; Football Cheerleading 3; Quill and Scroll 4; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Softball 2, 3, 4; *Wingspan* Staff 3, 4, Business Manager 3, 4; Homecoming Court 3, 4; Senior Superlative: Most Flirtatious Girl

Hershberger, Stephanie L. — FBLA 4

Friendliest

Tina Wiggins, Scott Spanbauer

Hiles, Krista K. — Band 2, 3, 4; Flag Corps 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 2; Key Club 3; Student Council 4

Hill, Michael T. — Band 2, 3; Wrestling 2, 3

Hinkle, Vicki L. — Pep Club 2; NHS 3, 4; French Club 4; Student Council 4

House, Ellen S. — Track 2, 3; Cross-country 4; FHA 2

Hoxit, Lea M. — Key Club 2, 3; NHS 3, 4, Sec'y 4; Quill and Scroll 3, 4; *Wingspan* 2, 3, 4, Assistant Ed. 3, Editor 4; Student Council 3, 4; Tennis 3; Senior Superlative: Most Likely to Succeed Girl

Huffstetler, Julie J. "Jules" — Pep Club 2, 3; Basketball Cheerleading 2, 3, 4, Captain 4; Track 2, 3; Key Club 3; Band 2, 3, 4; Flag Corps 2, 3; Majorette 4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3, 4; Society of Distinguished American High School Students 4; UNCA Summer Engineering Institute 3; National Honor Society 3, 4; Student Council 4; NC Scholar; Symphonic Band 4; Senior Superlative: Most Talented Girl

Hughes, Angie M.

Hylemon, Robbie D. — Football 2; Wrestling 2, 3

Ingerick, Ryan E. — Football 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 3

Israel, Tricia J. "Trish" — Band 2; HERO 3, 4, Henderson County Pres. 4

Jackson, Laura N. — Pep Club 2, 3; Keywanettes 2, 3, Sec'y 4; All-State Band 2, 3, 4; McDonald's Band Nomination 3; Leadership Award 3; Stage Band 4

Johnson, Shelley R. —Band 2, 3, 4; Flag Corps 2, 3, 4; French Club 2, 3; Pep Club 2, 3; Student Council 4; Key Club 2, 3; Track 2

Jones, Leland T.

Jones, Michael W.

Kakko, Johnny T.

Kelner, Susan B. — Band 2, 3, 4; Concert Band 2, 3, 4; Symphonic Band 4; Jazz Band 4

Kisner, Kimberly J. "Kim" — Pep Club 2, 3, 4; FCA 3, 4, Vice Pres. 4; Student Council 2, 4; Sophomore Class Treasurer; Senior Class Sec'y 4; Inter-Club 4; Cheerleading 2, 3, 4, Captain 2, 4; Track 2; Key Club 3; Senior Superlative: Most School Spirited Girl

Lancaster, David M. — Football 3, 4

Lance, Chris P. "Hippie"

Lance, Darrell K. "Possum"

Lemmons, Michael S. "Flip" — Football 2, 3, 4; Track 2; Basketball 2

Lietke, Paula C. — HERO 4, Treas. 4

Lindsey, James S.

Livingston, Carolyn L. — FHA 2, 3, 4, Sec'y 2, Pres. 3; FBLA 4

Lockaby, Karen B. "Apples" — Pep Club 2, 3; HOSA 3, Reporter 3; Who's Who In Music 3; Choral Ensemble 3

Lovik, Laura L.

Mace, Daniel A. — Football 2, 3, 4; Track 2; Wrestling 2, 3, 4; Senior Superlative: Most Attractive Boy

McCraw, Rebecca L. "Becky" — Pep Club 2; FBLA 4

McKinney, Kimberly J. "Kim" — FBLA 3, 4, Sec'y 4; Band 2

Michaels, Jackie L. — HOSA 4, Treas. 4; InterAct 4

Miller, Dawn P. — HOSA 4

Miller, Larry D. — Band 2, 3, 4; Concert Band 2, 3, 4; Symphonic Band 4; Adv. Chorus 4

Molton, Vicki C. — FBLA 2, 3, 4

Moore, Helen J. "Jeannie" — Basketball Manager 2, 3, 4; Volleyball Timekeeper 2, 3; HOSA 3, 4; SADD 3; Softball 2, 3, 4

Moore, Ricky L. "Tweety" — Football 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3; Senior Superlative: Best Dressed Boy

Morgan, Chad D.

Most Talented

Julie Huffstetler, Jonathan Sitton

Mackenzie, Jennifer L. — NHS 3, 4; SADD 4; All-state Band 2, 3, 4

Mathis, Lucinda S. "Cindy" — HOSA 4; HERO 3

Matthews, William S. "Scott" — FFA

Maxwell, Cindy E. "Lou" — FHA 2, 3, Recreation Leader 3; Pep Club 2; HERO 3, 4, Historian 4

Maxwell, Darryl E.

McClain, Linnon A. "Dray"

McCoy, Katherine B. "Brenda" — Pep Club 3; HOSA 3; FBLA 4

McCrary, Jon T.

Morgan, Jessica M. "Michelle" — FHA 3, FBLA 4

Morris, Chris R.

Morrison, Marilyn E. "Bones" — FHA 2; HERO 3, 4

Murphy, Christopher S.

Murphy, Jimi D. — HERO 3, 4, Pres. 4; Who's Who Among American High School Students

Nickell, Andrew F. "Drew" — Golf Team 2, 3, 4; Football 2, 3, 4

Norris, Barry D. — DECA 2, 3

O'Neil, Steven K. "Ace"

Most Likely to Succeed

Lea Hoxit, Greg Waitt

Orren, Bridgett E. — Band 2, 3, 4; Jazz Ensemble 2, 3, 4; Symphonic Band 4; JV Cheerleading 2; Basketball Cheerleading 3; French Club 2, 3, Sec'y 3; SADD 3, 4, Pres. 4; Student Council 3, 4

Owen, Gary J. — FFA

Owen, Joe A. — VICA

Owenby, Robbey C.

Parham, Clay J.

Paulhamus, Robert J. "Rob"

Perry, Jason S.D. — Band 2, 3, 4; Concert Band 2, 3, 4; Symphonic Band 4; Jazz Band 4

Phillips, Angela R. "Scrawny" — FCA 2, 3; Track 2

Phillips, Kelly J. "Kel" — Band 2, 3, 4; Symphonic Band 4; Keywanettes 2, 3, 4

Pinkerton, Daren — Senior Superlative: Wittiest Boy

Most School Spirited

Kim Kisner, Chris Bourke

Pint, Cheryl A. — Pep Club 2; Band 2, 3, 4; Symphonic Band 4; Keywanettes 4

Pipkins, Michele D. — Track Stats 3, 4; French Club 2, 3; Orchestra 2, 3, 4

Plemmons, Teresa R. — FBLA 2, 3

Podelski, Jacqueline M. "Jackie" — DECA 2, 3, 4, Hist. 2, Vice Pres. 3; HOSA 3; Inter-Club Council 2

Poupore, Darren L. — Track 2; Cross Country 3

Pressley, Leah M.

Puckett, Walter C. Jr. "Wally" — Football 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 2, 3; Track 2; FCA

Raines, Wallace F. "Junior" — VICA 3

Rayfield, Brian C. — Wrestling 2; Tennis 2, 3, 4; Ski Team 3

Redmond, Jay P. — Football 2, 3, 4; All-Conference; All-W.N.C.; All-County; Henderson County Player of the Year (Defense); Baseball 2; Ski Team 3, 4

Revis, Scott E. — FFA

Reynolds, David R.

Rhodes, Anne M. — Pep Club 4; Softball 2; Volleyball 2, 3, 4; Student Council 2; Band 2, 3; Jazz Band 2, 3, 4; Keywanettes 4

Rhodes, Susan R. — Volleyball 2; Softball 2; FBLA 2, 3

Rice, Kathy A. "Snuggles" — Pep Club 3; French Club 2; SADD 2, Treas. 2; Band 3; Jazz Band 2; Basketball 3: Volleyball 3; Softball 3; FCA 3, Pres. 3; Student Council 3; Sophomore Class Secretary; Junior Class Vice President; Student Body Vice President 4; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Senior Superlative: Most Involved Girl

Rice, Mike N. "Raul"

Ricker, Karen B. — NHS 3, 4, Pres. 4; FCA 2, 3, 4; Student Council 2, 4; Sophomore Class Vice President 2; Inter-Club 4; *Wingspan* Staff 2, 3, 4, Managing Editor 3, 4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 4; Junior Marshal 3; Quill and Scroll 4; JV Basketball Cheerleader; JV Football Cheerleader; Football Cheerleader 3, 4; Basketball Cheerleader 3, 4; Softball 2; The Society of Distinguished American High School Students 4; Band 2; Math Team 2; NEDT Award 2; Craig Phillips Youth Conference 2; Pep Club 2, 3, 4; Senior Superlative: Most Attractive Girl

Riddle, Sammy E. — Golf 2, 3, 4; Ski Team 3, 4

Roberts, Jeffrey D. "Jeff"

Robinson, Elizabeth C. "Lisa" — DECA 2, 3, 4, Hist. 4

Robinson, Robert L. "Dewey"

Rogers, Mark A.

Sams, Tamara D. "Tammy" — Student Council 2, 3, 4; Student Body Treasurer 3, 4; Drama Club 2, 3; Thespians 2, 3, 4; Key Club 2, 3; *Westwind* Staff 2, 3, 4, Co-Editor 4; Quill and Scroll 3, 4; FBLA 4; Summer Ventures in Science and Math 2; Civitan Leadership Conference 4; National Educational Development Certificate; Junior Marshal; National Honor Society 3, 4; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Sewanee Award for Excellence

Shipley, Philip E. "Phil"

Shropshire, Jason H. "Josh" — VICA 3; FFA 2, 3, 4; Football 2; Wrestling 2, 3

Simpson, Kimberly D. "Kim" — Student Council 2, 3, 4; Sec'y 3; Pep Club 2, 4; Key Club 3; *Westwind* Staff 3, 4 Academics Section Editor 3 Student Life Editor 4; Quill and Scroll 4; JV Football Cheerleader; JV Basketball Cheerleader; Orchestra 2

Sisk, Jessica M. "Jesse"

Sierpiejko, Michelle L. — *Wingspan* Staff 4; Art Club 2 Pep Club 2; Drama Club 2

Sitton, Jonathan — Senior Superlative: Most Talented Boy

Smith, Deborah A. "Debbie" — FHA 2

Smith, Gary W. "Stimey"

Best Dressed

Brian Cartee, Christi Crocker, Rickey Moore

Saunders, Margaret L. "Lori" — FCA 2, 3, 4; French Club 3, 4; Student Council 4; NHS 3, 4, Treas. 4; SADD 3, 4, Sec'y 4; Band 2, 3, 4; Jazz Ensemble 4; Drum Major 4; Inter-Club 4; Pep Club 2, 3, 4; Who's Who Among American High School Students

Schleinz, Trina I. "Slime" — Junior Achiever Award 2; Band 2, 3, 4; Flag Corps 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 3; Keywannettes 3, 4, Vice Pres. 4; NHS 3, 4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3; North Carolina Scholar 4; French Club 2, 3; Algebra II Team 3; Algebra II Award 3

Shamburger, Wayland W. — Football 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4; FCA 3, 4; Adv. Chorus 4

Sherbondy, Shane D.

Smith, Shannon M. — Band 2, 3; Flag Corps 2, 3, 4; French Club 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 2; Key Club 3; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Congressional Youth Leadership; Congressional Scholar

Spanbauer, Scott M. — Basketball 3; Baseball 2, 3, 4 Soccer 4; Who's Who Among American High School Students; NC Scholar; "I Dare You" Award; Society of Distinguished American High School Students; Senior Superlative: Friendliest Boy

Stauffer, Peter A.

Stepp, Kris H. — Football 2, 3, 4

Stewart, Cindy E. — HOSA 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Band 2, 3; Jazz Band 3; SADD 3; FHA 4; Pep Club 2

Swayngim, Keith P. — JV Football 2; Student Council 2; Track 3, 4; Cross Country 3; FCA 3; Orchestra 2, 3

Tate, Elizabeth K. "Karen" — Band; Stage Band; Keywanettes 2

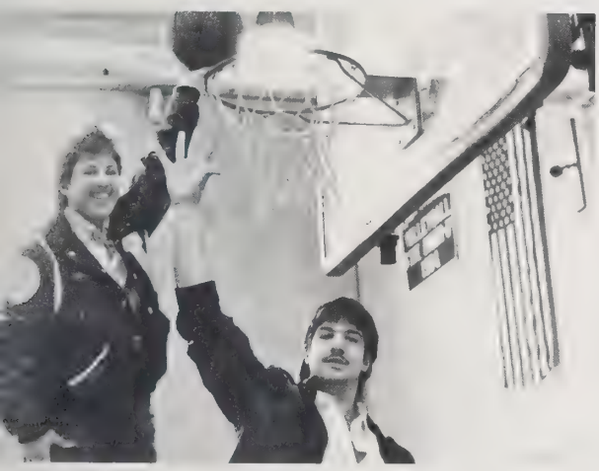
Teaster, Melissa L. — Band , 3, 4; Flag Corps 3, 4; Jazz Ensemble 4; Pep Club 3, 4; Keywanettes 3, 4; SADD 4; Student Council 4; Junior Achievement 2, Vice Pres. 2; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3; Society of Distinguished American High School Students; NC Scholar 4

Tersinar, Katherine F. "Catana" — Photography Club 3; HOSA 3, 4, Reporter 4; SADD ; FHA 4; Who's Who Among merican High School Students

Thorsland, Sharon S. — Pep Club 3, 4; French Club 2, 3, 4; Student Council 2, 3; Key Club 3; NHS 3, 4; FCA 3, 4; Football Cheerleader 3, 4, Co-Captain 4; Basketball Cheerleader 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4; All-Conference 3; Who's Who Among American High School Students; NC Scholar; Band 2, 3; Flag Corps 2

Thorsland, Susan M. — Pep Club 3, 4; French Club 2, 3, 4; NHS 3, 4; Key Club 3; Football Cheerleader 3, 4; Junior Marshal; Student Council 2, 3; FCA 3, 4; Furman Scholar; Who's Who Among American High School Students; NC Scholar; Band 2, 3; Flag Corps 2

Trantham, Tammy L. — Student Council 2; Pep Club 2; French Club 2, 3; Drama Club 2, 3, 4; Thespians 3, 4, Vice Pres. 4; Keywanettes 3, 4; Key Club 3; Volleyball 2; *Westwind* Staff 4; Summer



Most Athletic

Karen Gruca, Chan Crane

Thompson, Josette M. "Sette" — NHS 3, 4; Volleyball 2; Softball 2; Junior Achievement, Pres. 3; NEDT ; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Society of Distinguished American High School Students; Quill and Scroll 3, 4; Governor's School Nominee ; *Wingspan* Staff 2, 3, 4, Assistant Sports Editor 3, Sports Editor 4; NC Scholar

Thompson, Lisa C. — Student Council 2, 3, 4; Keywanettes 2, 4, Treas. 4; Inter-Club 3, 4; FCA 3, 4; SADD 3, 4; Jazz Band 3, 4; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Pep Club 2, 4

Thompson, Shawn K. — Band 2, 3, 4; Jazz Band 2, 3, Officer 4; Golf 2

Ventures in Math and Science; NC Scholar

Turnbow, Nicole A. — FHA 3, Historian 3; SADD 2; HOSA 4

VanDoren, Suzanne — Pep Club 2, 3; Track 4; Swim Team 4

Vaughn, Victoria L. "Vicki" — Band; Jazz Band; Drama Club

Waddell, Michael J. — Basketball 4

Waitt, Greg M. — Wrestling 2, 3, 4; Chief Junior Marshal; National Honor Society 4; Senior Superlative: Most Likely to Succeed Boy

Walden, Jimmy D.

Wall, Kathlyn M. "Katie" — Keywanettes 2, 3, 4, Jr. Vice Pres. 3, Pres. 4; Track 3, 4; Adv. Chorus 3, 4

Wall, Thorbjorn "Thor"

Warren, Elisha C. — Pep Club 2, 3, 4, Vice Pres. 3, Pres. 4; Student Council 4; FCA 2, 3, 4, Treas. 4; SADD 3, 4; Big Bird 4; Keywanettes 2; Track 2; *Westwind* Staff 4

Warren, Shannon L. "Shanno" — Who's Who Among American High School Students; Society of Distinguished American High School Students

Washington, Keith O. — Basketball 4

Weich, Heath L.

Welch, Danielle R. "Darnell" — FCA 3, 4; Volleyball 3, 4; Track 3, 4; Football Stats 4

Wells, Deborah A. "Debbie" — Track 4; FCA 4

Whitaker, William P. "Buck" — Football 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2

Whitlock, Franklyn S. "Frank" — Junior Marshal

Wiggins, Tina L. — Pep Club 2, 3; HOSA 3, 4; Senior Superlative: Friendliest Girl

Wilkerson, Samantha L. — HOSA 4

Wilkie, Jeff D. — Football 3, 4

Wilkinson, William S. "Scott" — Track 2, 4; Cross Country 3, 4

Williams, John C. — Photography Club 2, 3; Basketball Manager 2

Williams, Russell W. "Russ" — French Club 2, 3, Pres. 4; Band 2, 3, 4; Jazz Band 3, 4; Drum Major 3, 4; Symphonic Band 4; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Society of Distinguished American High School Students; Senior Superlative: Most Involved Boy

Willis, Bobby G. Jr. — VICA 3; Track 3

Wilson, Patrick S. "Scott" — Band 2, 3; Jazz Band 3

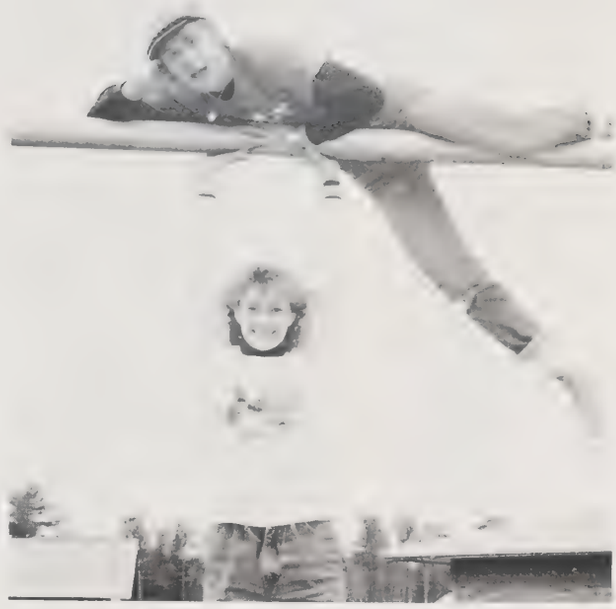
Wirtz, Kellie L. — Pep Club 2, 3; Actors Ink 3; SADD 3, 4; Inter-Act 4; Keywanettes 4; Band 2, 3, 4

Wise, Jonathan K. — Basketball 2, 3, 4

Worley, Melinda B. "Meana" — HOSA 4, Pres. 4; Adv. Chorus 4; *Westwind* Staff 4; Homecoming Queen; Senior Superlative: Miss Senior

Worley, Shane B.

Worley, Sonya D. — DECA 2, 3, 4, Vice Pres. 3, Treas. 2



Most Unique

Mandy Griffin, Rob Dixon

Wyatt, Miranda L. — *Wingspan* Staff 2; HOSA 3; Orchestra 2, 4; Track Stats 3, 4

Young, Anthony W. "Tony" — Track 2, 3, 4; Cross Country 4; Football 2, 3

Young, Roman B.

Youngblood, Mike L. "Hot Rod"

Youngblood, Timothy L. "Tim" — Basketball 2, 3, 4; Tennis 3; Cross Country 3

Wittiest

Daren Pinkerton, Briana Brown

THE CLASS

OF 1987

Decisions decisions

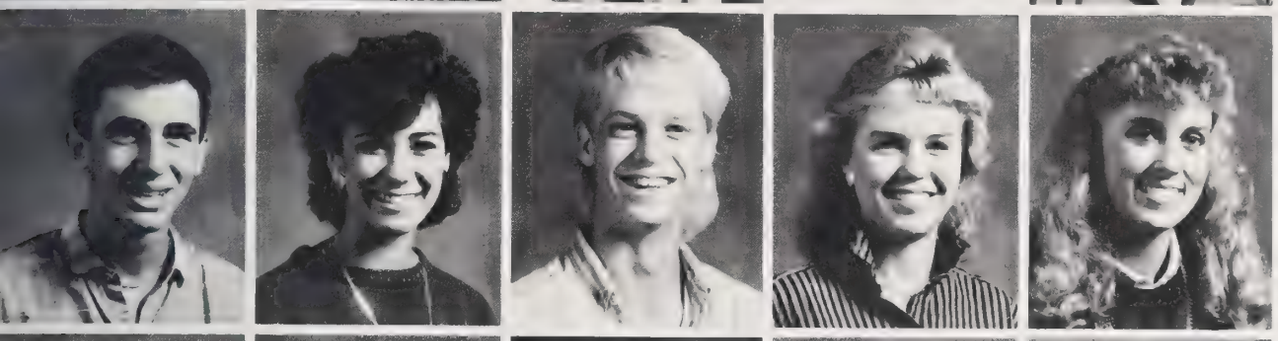
When your junior year in high school finally rolled around, you realized that you would not be in school forever. This was the year when students did some serious thinking about life after West. Some students, like **Alease Rivenbark,** planned to go to college. "I want to go to college, hopefully UNC at Chapel Hill." **Jenny Kumor** also expressed the desire to further her education. "I want to go to college somewhere. Probably up north." There were students who felt that college wasn't for them. **Brent Wilkie** said he was going to "party" after high school, but **Chris Phillips** said, "I plan to go to a technical school, somewhere in this area." Whatever plans were for life after high school, almost everyone had something in mind for the future.

Walking around at lunch, Paul Dellinger sports his football manager's shirt.

Junior Class Officers: Jodi Crawford — Secretary, Missy Parker — president, Doug Nesbitt — vice-president, Matt Stewart — treasurer

Darby Abbott
Paul Abbott
Darrin Adams
Lisha Allison
Rick Allison

William Angel
Keith Arbogast
Ronnie Arnold
Jennifer Ashby
Rick Atkinson



Ricky Austin
Jenni Bagwell
Kevin Bagwell
Laura Bailey
Liz Baity

Dale Baker
Sissy Baker
Sammy Ball
Shawna Ballard
Tammera Barkdoll

Angie Barkley
Tonya Barnwell
Kim Beaver
Lisa Beddingfield
Rhonda Bishop

Clarence Blackwell
Jean Blodgett
Patrick Bock
Mark Bottjer
Joey Boyd

Money no object

Remember all the times you wished you had a million dollars . . . or more? Well, here is what some of our juniors said when asked what they would do if "money was no object".

Matt Stewart got to the point when he said, "I'd buy a beachhouse in California, a Porshe 911 turbo, chase women and learn how to surf." **Derrick Lee** knew exactly what he wanted. "I would buy a Lamborgini, a bad penthouse in Hawaii, and don't forget the threads and the women." When asked what she would do, **Sally Wilson** expressed her desire for new surroundings. "I would move way from here. Preferably Hawaii."

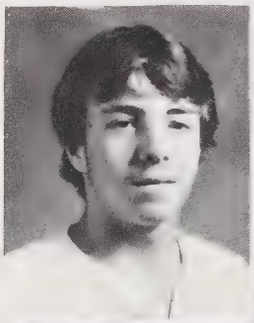
Other answers ranged from being able to pay off a car, to buying the best wardrobes available.

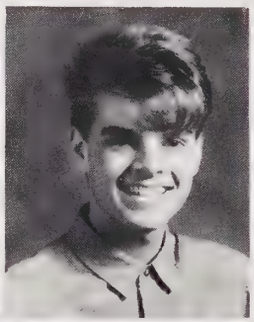
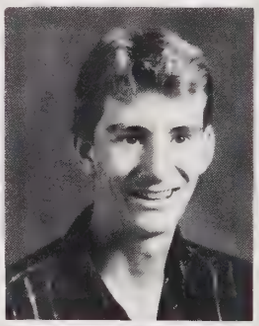
Charmon Bracken
Steve Brackett
Scott Branche

Cindy Brady
Becky Bringewatt
Dickie Brock

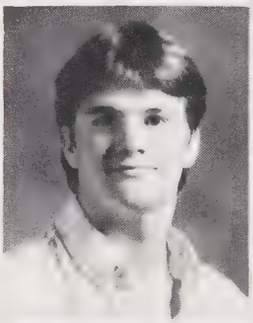
Carla Brown
Jennifer Bryson
Eric Bullard
Vicki Bush
Greg Cairnes
Jenny Cairnes
John Carte
Crystal Carver

Kenny Carver
Richie Case
Sammy Case
Chris Causby
Dawn Charters
Mary Chastain
Yani Clement
Brooke Cole
Tammy Condrey
Mark Conner
Stephanie Cook

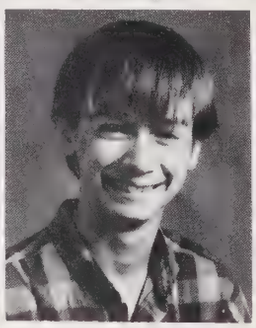


Doug Couch
Eddie Couch
Jennifer Cox
Jody Crawford
Kelly Crisp
Scott Culbreth
John Cunningham
Jim Darity
Phil Darnell
Hayley Davis
Jennifer Davis



Mark Davis
Robbie Davis
Teresa Deaver
Paul Deiinger
John Diehl
Ed Dillon
John Dixon
Christy Doggett
Kelly Dotson
Janet Drake
Tina Duensing

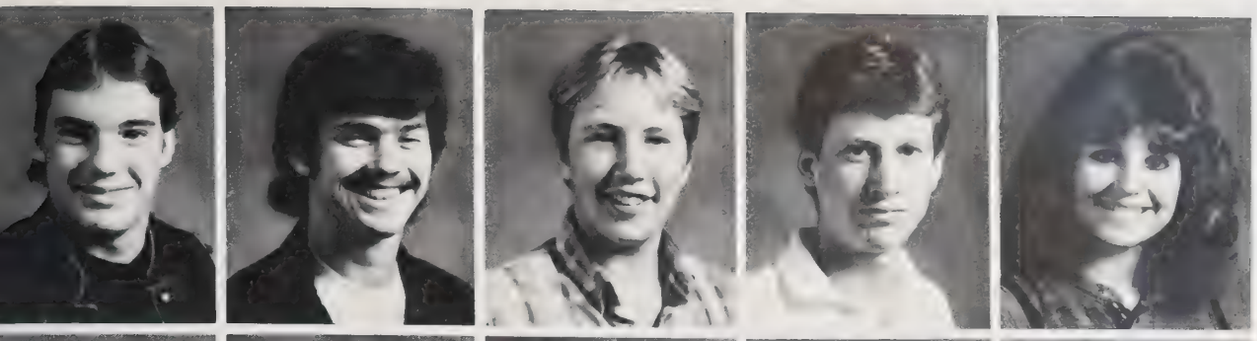


During lunch Aaron Jackson makes an important phone call.

star truck

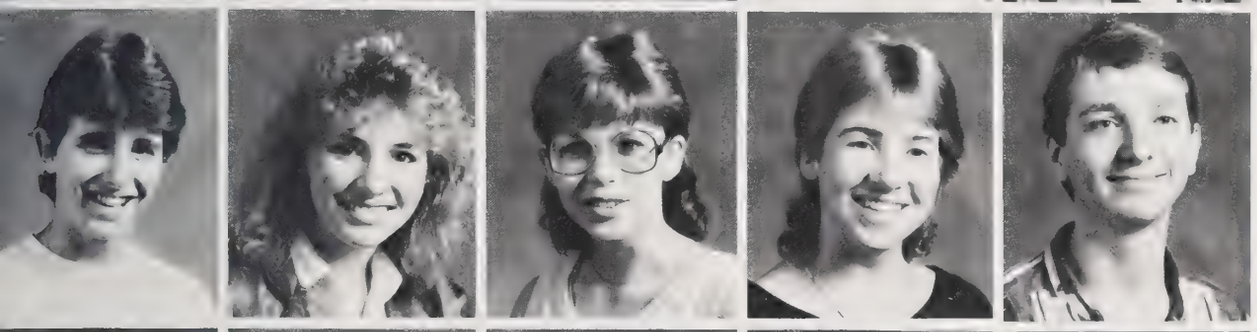
All of us have fantasized about being famous at least once in our lives. When some juniors were asked what famous person, dead or alive, they would like to be, most gave the name of an actor or athlete. **Paul Abbott** chose an actor admired by many. "I would be Clint Eastwood." **Desiree Kenyon** said "I have always wanted to be Marilyn Monroe," and **Brad Hutchinson,** being the sports fan that he is, said he would be Michael Jordan. **Doug Nesbitt's** all-time hero was M-M- Max Headroom, and **Jennifer Cox** would be Lily Tomlin if given the chance. Other heroes ranged from Nancy Reagan to Joan Rivers to **Brian McMinn's** role model, Oran Juice Jones.

Staring intently, Dale Baker and Jeff Fleming observe the lunch crowd.

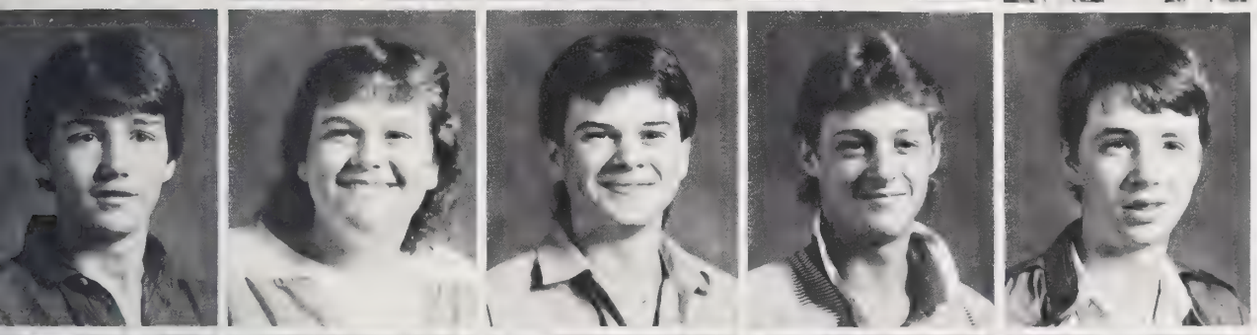


Carroll Duncan
Gary Duncan
Barry Edmundson
Todd Edwards
Linda Edwards

Janet Eizonas
Rusty Ellis
Tom Entwistle
Rhonda Evans
Christine Flecker



Jeff Fleming
Angie Francis
Tammy Frisbee
Lori Gaillard
Jeremy Galloway



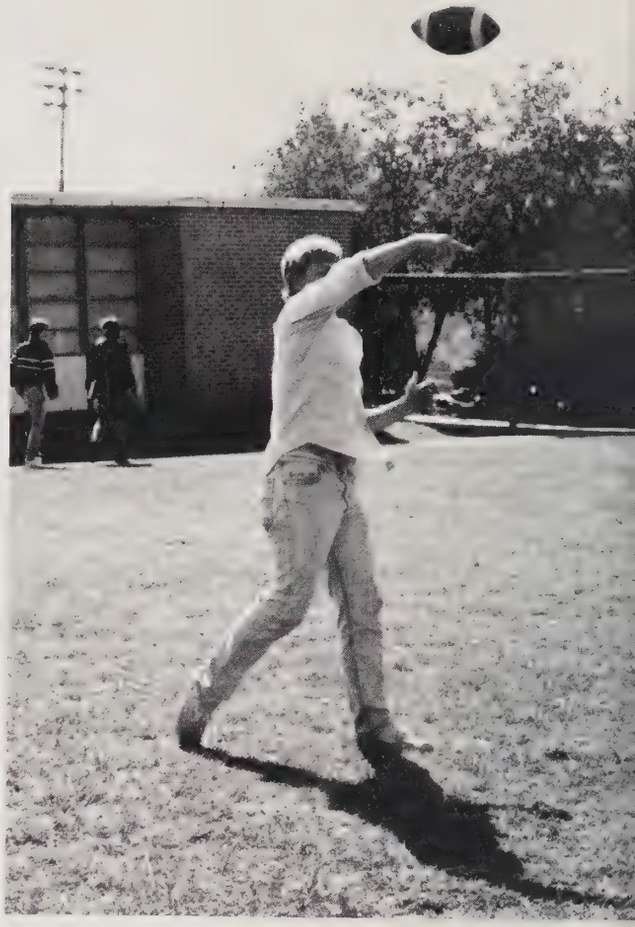
Pam Galyean
Brandon Garren
Chris Garren
Kristy Garrett
Dawn Garrison
Leroy Gentry
Keith Gilliam
Nicole Gilliam
Bo Glenn
John Glenn
Kenneth Gordon

Tina Gragg
Stephanie Gregg
Phillip Gussman
Joyce Harrell
Jodi Harris
Jeff Hart
Darrell Hawkins
Garland Heatherly
Callie Hefner
Donnie Henderson
Gina Henderson

Susan Hendricks
Tommy Hensley
Wanda Hensley
Ed Hershberger
Vanessa Higgins
Rhonda Hill
Laurie Hoefle
Corrie Honeycutt
John Hooper
Greg Howard
Mark Howard

Eureka

People and their imaginative minds were constantly thinking of possibilities that could make life better. **Becky Bringewatt** suggested, "I would make mint chocolate chip ice cream with no calories." **Keith Arbogast** had the most unique response when he said, "an electric pasta vending machine." **John Glenn** said, "I would invent the quickest van in the world with a waterbed in the back." **Rick Allison** felt that money would solve all his problems when he said, "I would make a money-making machine so I wouldn't have to work." **Zee Weaver's** invention for the benefit of mankind would be a heated toilet seat.



Throwing a football isn't always easy, but Chris Garren has no problems in returning this pass.

Brian King

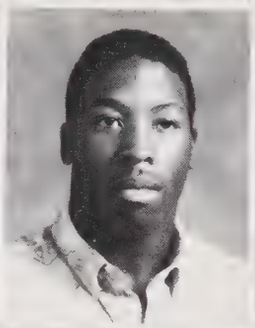
Christy King

Denise Kohler

John Krywichi

Jenny Kumor

Dawn Lee



Derrick Lee

John Lilly

Solon Logan

Becky Lott

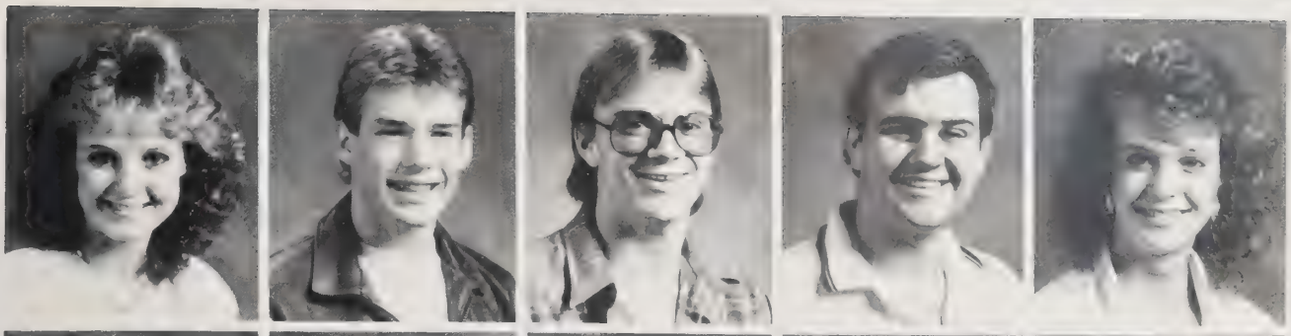
Tracy McCarson

Leslie McCoy

Elaine McCraw

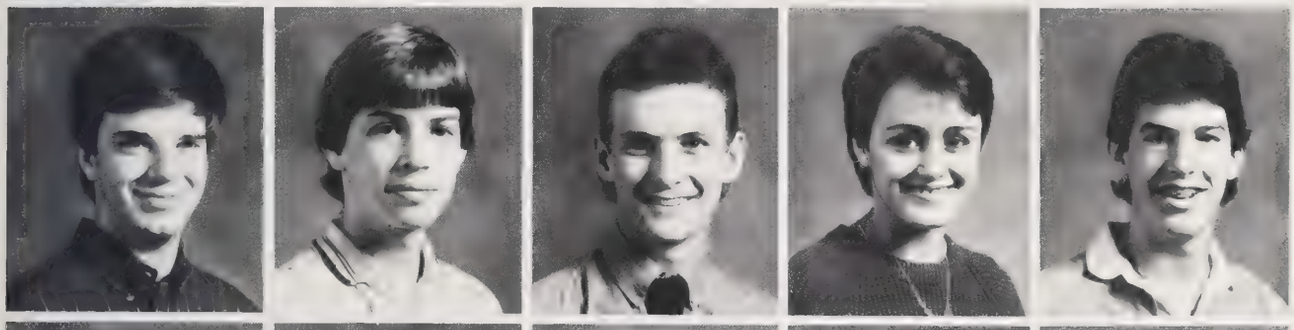
Lovetta McCraw

Tammy McMahan



Beth Hudgins
Brad Hutchinson
Greg Hyder
Aaron Jackson
Marcia Jackson

David Jensen
Chris Johnson
Julie Johnson
Kelly Johnson
Todd Johnson



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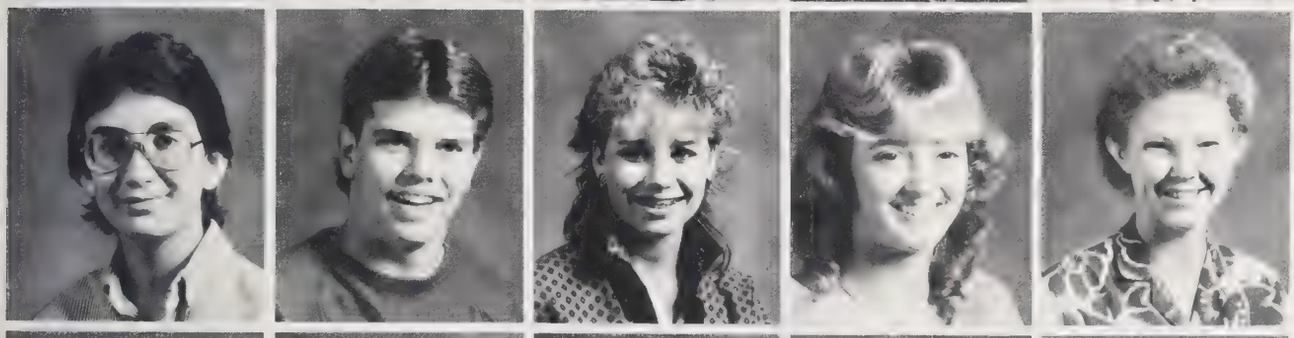

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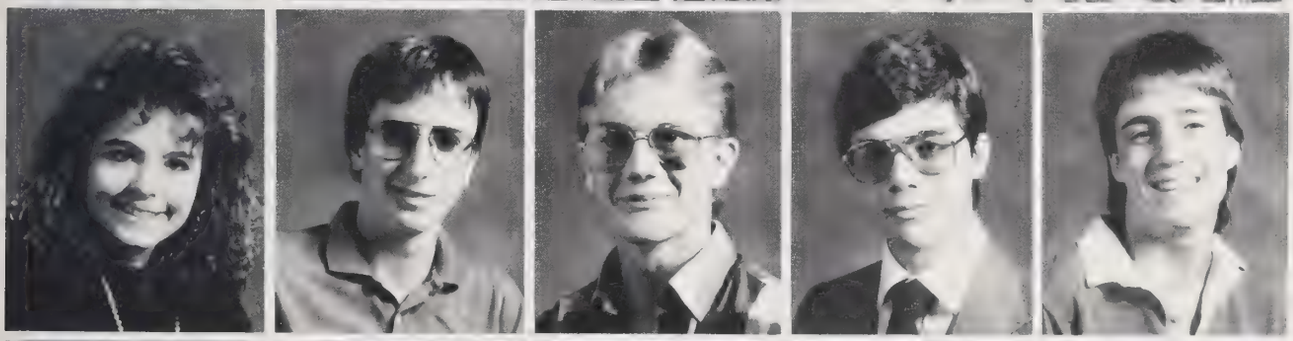

Tracy Lyda
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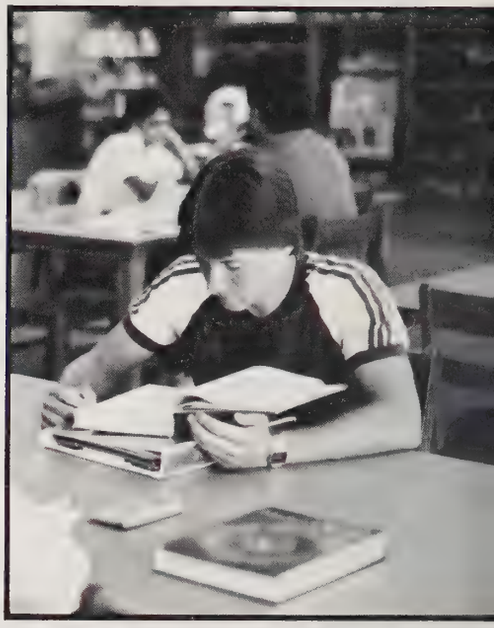
Ross Lyons
Barry Martin
Randy Matson

Marvin McMinn
Avrielle McMurray
Angie Meadows
James Medlin
Billy Melton

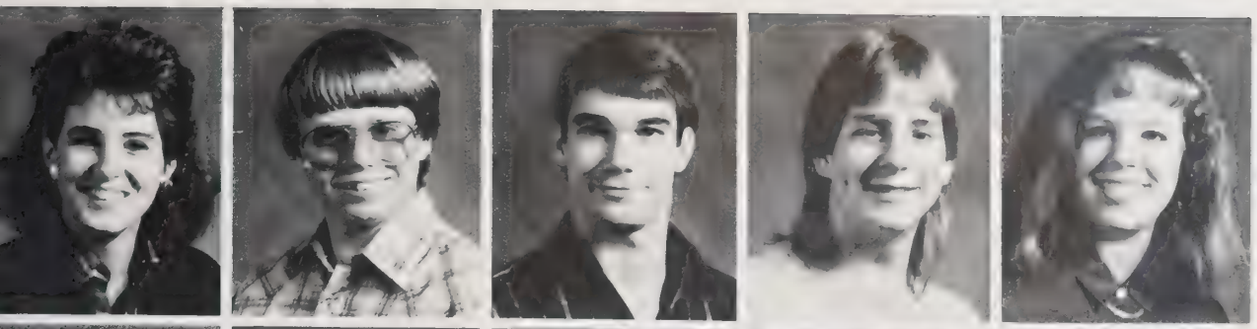
Perfect . . . (almost)



There was at least one thing about our bodies we wouldn't hesitate to change if we had the chance.

Lisa Beddingfield expressed the sentiment of a lot of girls when she said, "I would flatten my stomach and reduce my hips." Height was a favorite change, as many people surveyed preferred to be taller. **Taffy Waldrop** said, "I would like to be three inches taller," while **Denise Kohler** said she wanted to be five inches taller. There were some less noticeable changes in order for **Shawn Sweeney** who felt his toenails fell somewhat short of perfect. **Ross Lyons** said he would not wear glasses, while **Tommy Jones** would attempt to fatten up his "chicken legs."

After finding a quiet place, Jim Pendergast studies his chemistry in the library.



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Amy Mitchell

Frankie Montgomery
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Joe Morris
Arnold Mull
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Yutaka Nakano
Michael Nebbia
Doug Nesbitt
Juliet Nicholson
Steve Nicholson

William Oliver
Mike Osteen
Dawn Packard
Missy Parker
Julie Partin
Jim Pendergast
Chris Phillips
Danielle Pinard
Shellie Pippin
Tracy Powell
Brian Pressley

Billy Price
Steven Prince
Scott Pringle
Jeff Raines
Tommy Raines
Todd Randall
Maria Reale
Chuck Rebban
Stacy Reid
Jeff Rhodes
Chad Rice

Elizabeth Riddle
Shannon Roberts
Lori Robidoux
David Robinson
Marie Rogers
Leanne Rogers
Kevin Rumple
Matt Russel
Wesley Russell
Angie Rutledge
Kevin Rutter

right night

Everyone has his Freddie Kruger, and although these most frightening nightmares may not have happened on Elm Street, they were still just as scary. **Tina Gragg** shared her most frightening nightmare. "When I was little I dreamed that Frankenstein had me tied up in a corner of a very dark cave. All these black, monstrous spiders were crawling toward me." **Jeff Smith's** worst dream went like this. "I was being chased by something . . . didn't know what it was. It pushed me off a cliff and I woke up on the floor."

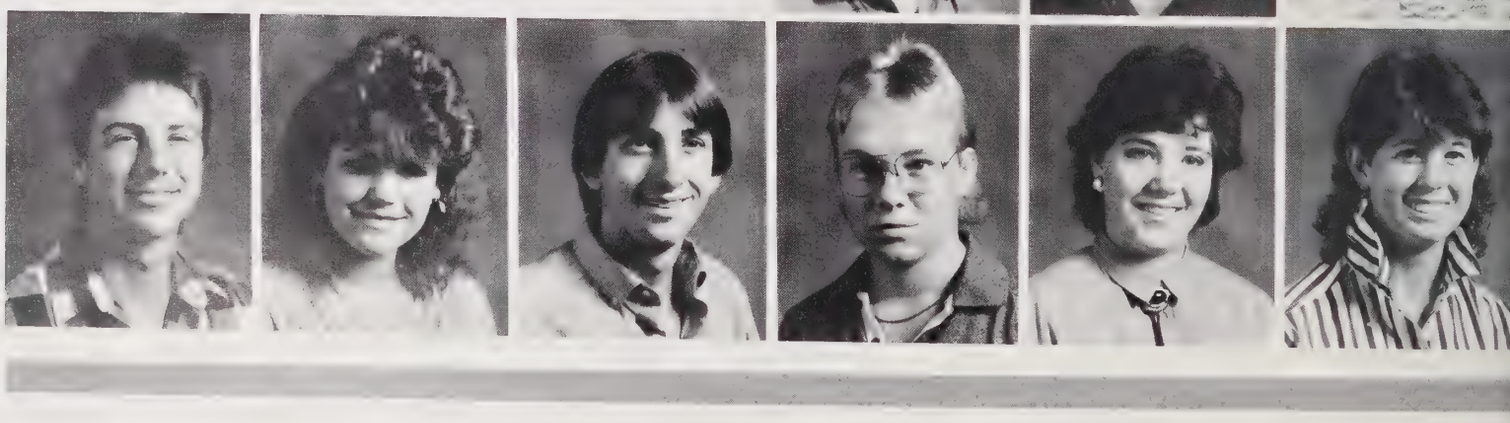
All bad dreams had a bad guy, and **Dickie Brock's** most hair-raising nightmare contained a rogue jelly doughnut. "I was all alone and there's this snake coming down the road, wearing a vest and rolling a cherry jelly doughnut. He (the snake) opened his mouth and **Matt, Jeff, Doug** and all my other friends jumped out."

No matter how laid back we may seem at school, we still have bad dreams whether we are willing to admit them or not.

Not Pictured

Paul Dobbs
Kim Erickson
Tina Phillips

Taking advantage of the sunshine, Aaron Kuykendall, Jenni Bagwell, Mike Worley, Zee Weaver, and Brian Steeman enjoy a break at lunch.



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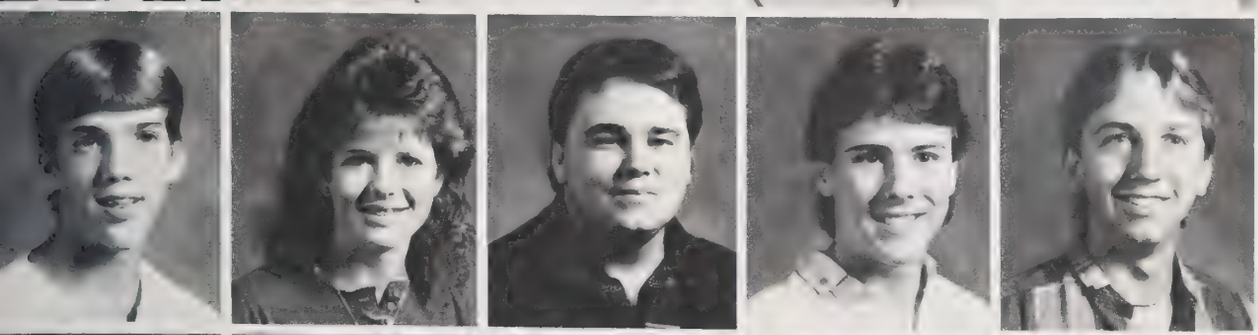
Shelley Sizemore



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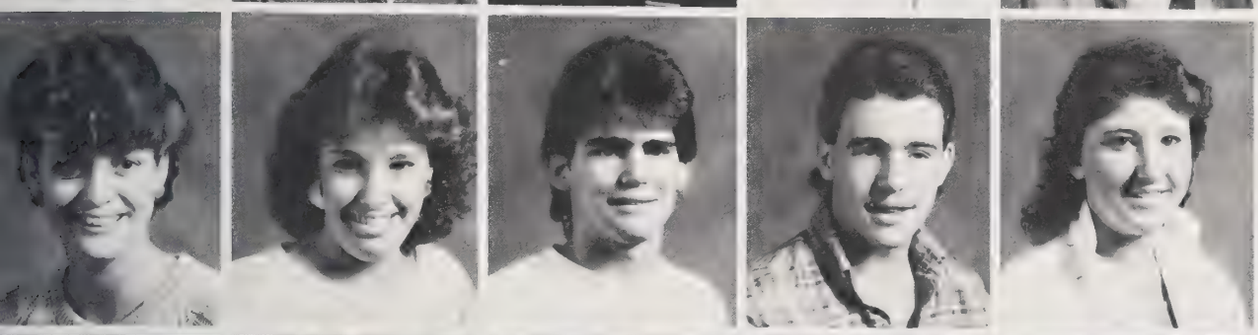

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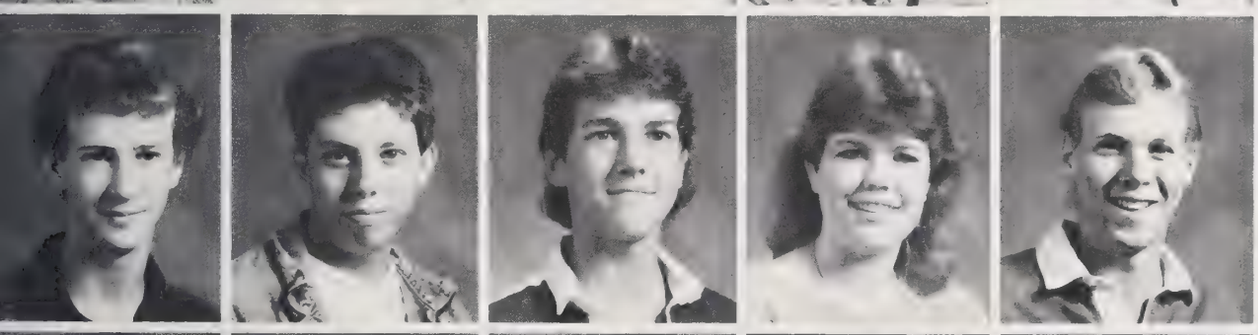

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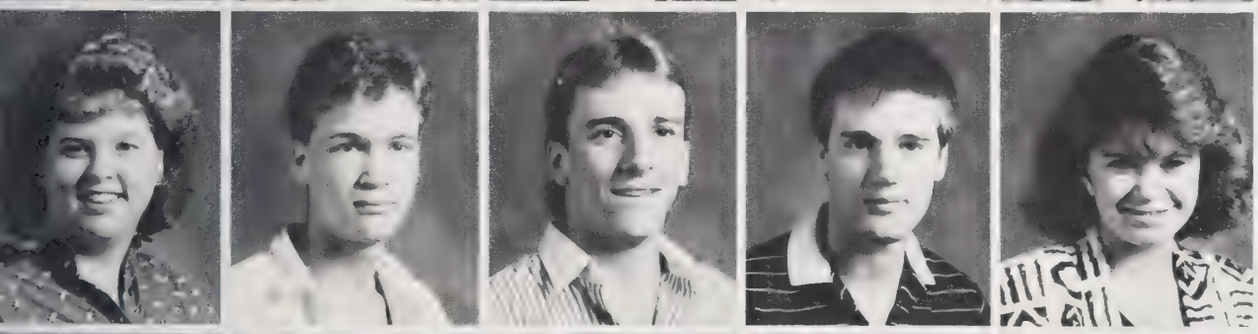

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Don Wankel
Taffy Waldrop
Kelly Watkins
Val Watson
Zee Weaver
Tommy Whitaker
Sheila White

Fred Whitehead
Kristen Williams
Robert Williams
Brent Wilkie
Sally Wilson
Stephanie Wimmer
Ricky Womao
Susan Woody
Greg Worley
Mike Worley
Keri Youngblood

A New Beginning

There were advantages to being a sophomore, but there were also some disadvantages. A big disadvantage was being at a new school and not knowing where anything was. The advantages included having a lot more freedom. When some sophomores were asked what they thought was the best thing about West there were some interesting responses. **Jason Stanley** wasted no time in replying, "Ice cream." **Hope Fowler** decided quickly, "I think the best thing is being able to wear shorts and having canned drinks."

When **Simon Isanhart** got to West he thought the best thing without a doubt was, "We don't have to go to the gym in the morning."

Even though lunch was shortened to half an hour, there were some good things about it. **Debbie Goss** said, "I like being able to sit were I want to at lunch."

During class, Cindy Swanton, Wendy Garren, Jessica Podelski finish an assignment.

Sophomore Class Officers: Edward Plott — Vice-President, Tripp Harris — Treasurer, Jenni Lyda — Secretary, Chris Moore — President

Becky Adams
Sandi Adams
Elijah Allen
Rodney Allen
Ginger Allison
Alisha Anderson

April Anderson
Jennifer Anderson
Joe Arbogast
Joey Ard
Denise Arnold
Robb Atkinson

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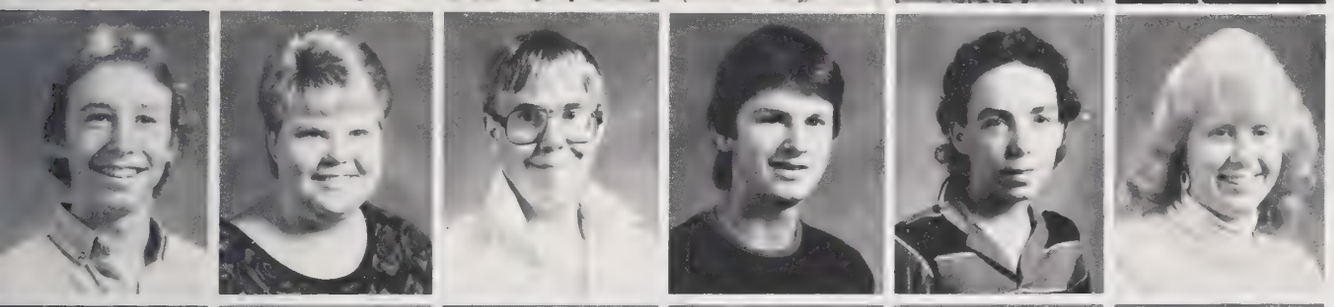

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Tammy Brevard

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Anna Brittain
Wendy Britton
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Tyler Brock
John Broom

Jeff Brovet
Daniel Brown
James Brown
Stephanie Brown
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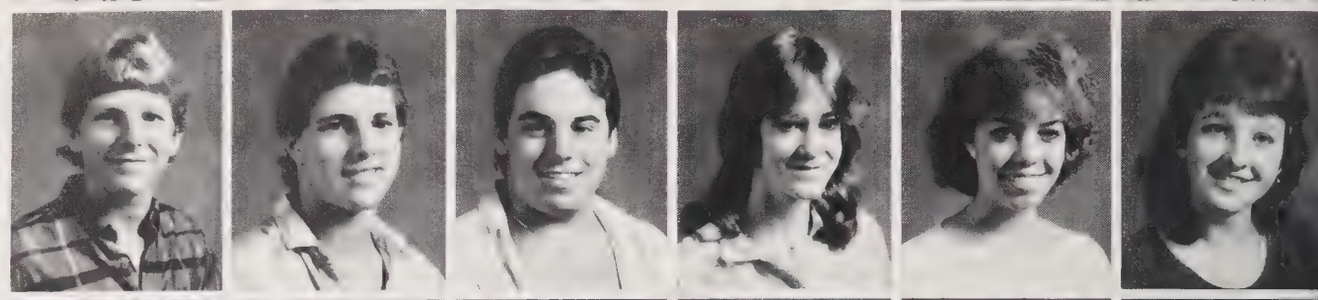

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Cynthia Corn
Jeff Corn
Kenneth Corn
Misty Corn
Amy Cornelius

Chris Crawford
Phillip Creasman
Candy Cunningham
Pam Cunningham
Kim Curtis
Dennis Cutshaw
Sean Dalton
Rachelle Davis

Sean Davis
Darlene Deaver
Angie Deckard
Keith Deese
Angie Dillard
Michelle Dillin
Paul Dobbs
Marianna Dockery

Dwayne Drum
Troy Drye
Rob Duesning
Amy Dull
Joe Dunbar
Robert Dunbar
Ted Dupler
Tiffany Edwards

Kim Erickson
Paul Ervin
Derek Irving
Cheryl Fayard
Tanya Featherstone
Joey Fellows
Greg Fisher
Ricky Fitzgerald

Bumper to bumper

Remember driving down the road and seeing all kinds of bumper stickers? Some of them were pretty good while others left room for improvement. When some of our sophomores were asked what their slogan would be, many had no idea, but after much thought and very deep consideration, some of them finally came up with an answer. **Sonya Genty** said hers would read, "Have you hugged a teddy bear today?" **Bryan Letterman** very seriously replied, "Don't laugh; it's paid for," and without hesitation, **Sean Little** declared, "Hit me!" After long and thoughtful deliberation, another sophomore said, "I kinda like those bumper stickers that say 'I heart my dog's head,' but I don't think I would want it as my slogan." Other ideas ranged from the unusual, "Soccer is a kick in the grass," to the common "Life's a beach" and "Surf naked."

In the courtyard, Karin Hamilton and Angie Deckard eat a box of Christmas cookies.

Taking part in what has become a sophomore tradition, Nicholai Ronnigen takes his turn at shooting an old rifle. Mr. (Luther) Jones has heard this one before.

Time Switch

Growing up in the 80's many of us have wondered how people lived in other time periods. Several sophomores agreed it would be a lot of fun to go either backward or forward in time. **Kenneth Corn** said, "I would like to go to England in Medieval Period to study weaponry and how they lived; it is my favorite period." **Nicholai Ronnigen** would like to go back to the 1400's. "I have always wanted to be a monk." **Cameron Garren** also wanted to go back in the past "because I like old things like 50's and 60's cars and old music." **Holley Shamburger** would rather explore life in the future. "I'd go to a big city in the 30th century to see what it would be like."

After school, Latonya Featherstone makes a phone call.

Melinda Gilliam
Jody Godwin
Dawn Gosnell
Maria Gosnell
Angelia Gosnell
Beverly Green

Tripp Harris
Jody Hartley
Sondra Hellund
Valerie Hendricks
Denise Higgins
Michelle Higgins

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Carrie Hooper
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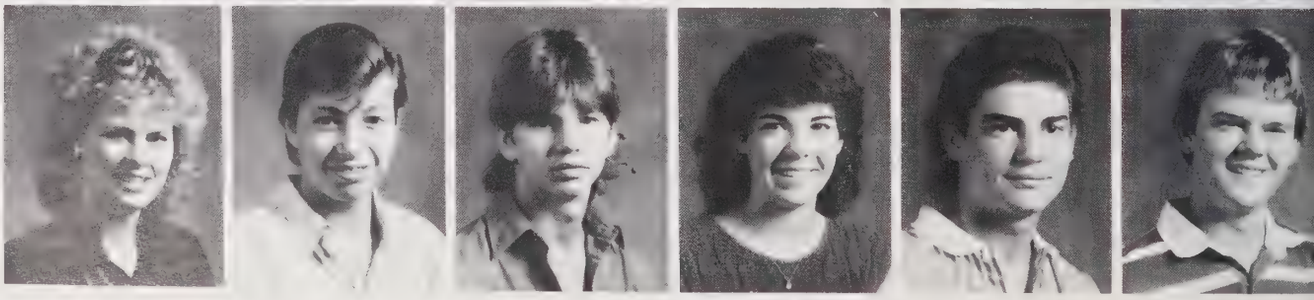

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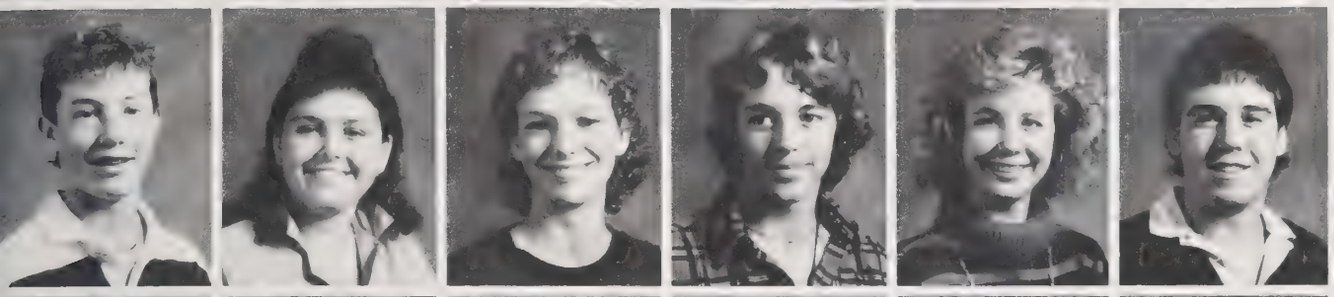

Scott Francis
Karin Franklin
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Cameron Garren

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Debbi Gass
Candy Gentle
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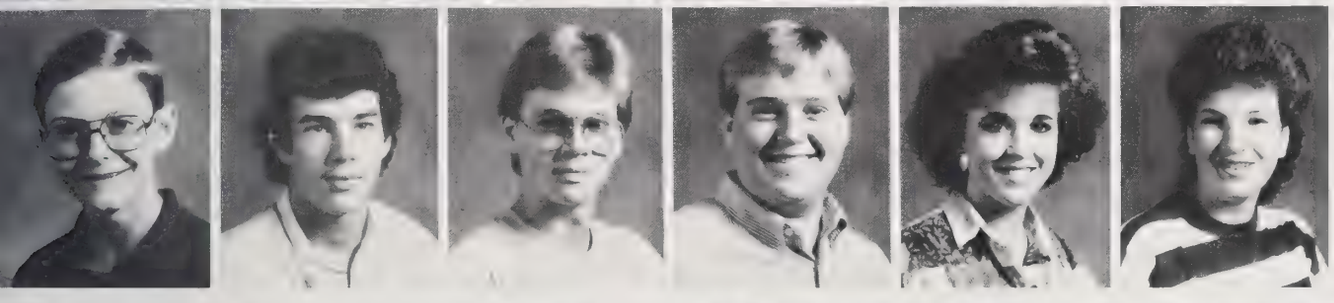
Sonya Gentry
Kelly Gilliam



Scott Green
Tony Green
Chris Guy
Wade Hall
Karen Hamilton
Melinda Harris

Walking across the courtyard, Robert Sisk and Sean Little display the convenience of fast food lunches.

Fewer restrictions at lunchtime are appreciated by most sophomores. Wayne Busch enjoys just leaning and relaxing.

Another Life

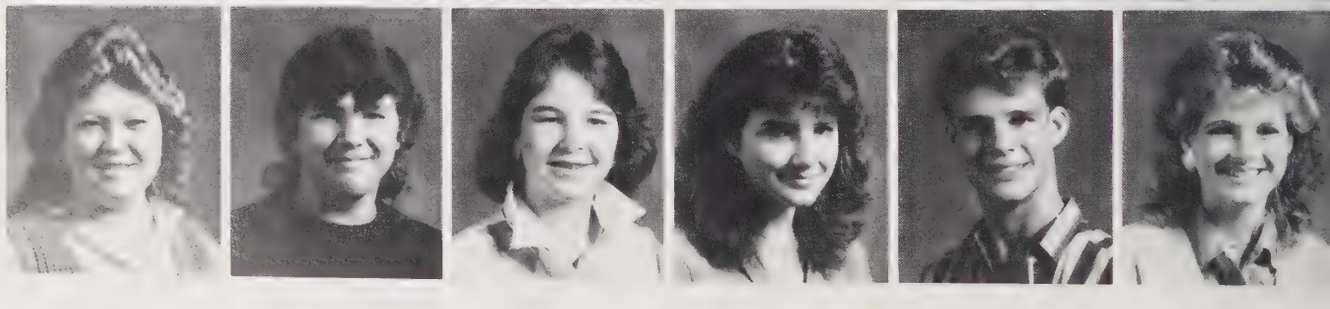
In this modern world of convenience, we sometimes take many things for granted. For instance, household appliances are now considered "necessary", and when we asked some sophomores which household appliance they would be, answers came only after a lot of thought.

When **Jenny Lyda** was asked which appliance she would be she finally replied, "I would be a refrigerator so I could be close to the food." **Angel Austin** didn't hesitate in answering. "I would be a telephone so I could hear what everyone is saying." Cleanliness was a big factor for **Isaac Pulley.** "I would be a vacuum cleaner because I like to be clean." **Candy Cunningham** also expressed that she also liked to be clean when she said she would be a broom. After a few minutes in thought, **Jeff Corn** said, "I'd be a hair dryer." When asked why, he said "It's different." **Kristen Seagle** wanted to be a TV so she would get to talk.

Escaping to the great outdoors, Bryan Letterman flees the crowded cafeteria.

Scott London
Frank Long
Penny Louka
Jenni Lyda
Meredith MacKenzie
Shannon Marlowe

Tim McCarson
Angie McClung
Adam McCoy
Lisa McCoy
Christy McCrary
Gina McMinn



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Chris Moore
Sherry Moore

Khristin Jeffcoat
Richard Jenkins
Barton Jennings
Robert Johnson
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Nicole Judkins

Janine Juhasz
Tim Justice
Jimmy Kesterson
Greg Kilpatrick
Kevin King
Kristen Koszarsky

Marcia Krawiec
Bobby Kuykendall
Phoebe Lawless
Chris Ledford
Nanette Lefeber
Lisa Lemmons

Brian Letterman
Robin Lindell
Greg Lindsey
Ken Lindsey
Sean Little
Andrea Logan

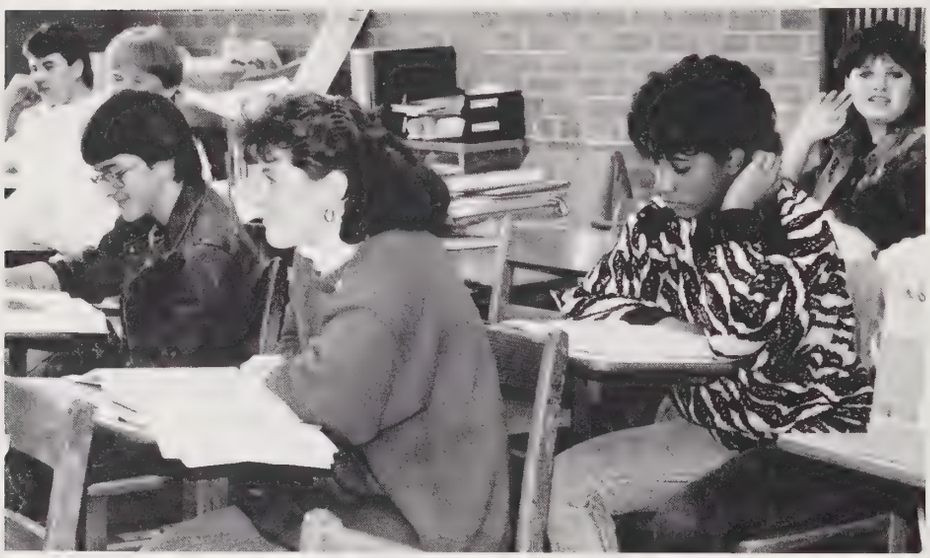
Denise Mathis
Carla Matthews
Charlyne McCall
Lisa McCall
Phil McCanless
Stephanie McCarson

Marvin McMinn
Shannon McMinn
Beth Meckley
James Medlin
Chad Merrill
Danny Messer

Audra Morgan
Laresa Morgan
Tammy Morgan
Eddie Morrison
Terri Mullins
Keith Murphy

Twice in a lifetime

Have you ever wished that you could be something else? Remember saying, "if I could be reincarnated I would be . . . ?" Well we finally found some sophomores who were willing to admit what they would be if they could be reincarnated. **Jackie Torres** decided, "I would be a bird because birds are free." **Tim Justice,** an avid car lover, said that he would be a BMW, since they are his favorite cars. After a few moments of thought, **Chris Orr** finally said, "I would be a panther because they are sleek and fast." When **Shannon Marlowe** was asked what she would be if she could be reincarnated, she replied, " I would come back as a mirror so I could see everything." **April Anderson** was sure what she wanted to be but wasn't sure why. "I would be window."



In Coach Long's class, Cheryl Fayard, Andrea Logan, and classmates learn about American literature.

Hall dining is another answer to the space problem at lunch. Sophomores Greta Byrd and Phoebe Lawless dig in.

Todd Murphy
Troy Neil
Derek Nelsen
Keith Norris
Lynn Norton
Lesly O'Neil
Robert Opheim
Billy Orr

Chris Orr
Scott Orr
Sean Owenby
Vikki Paulhamus
Amy Perdue
Sam Perdue
Shannon Perry
Elaine Peters

Theresa Pettibone
Clint Phillips
Julia Pitcher
Edward Plott
Jessica Podelski
Tonia Ponder
Stephanie Powell
Mark Price

Sherry Pronger
Amanda Pryor
Robert Pryor
Isaac Pulley
Bryan Raines
Kathryn Raines
Tom Raines
Bobby Ramey

Mark Ramsey
Patrick Rehm
Michael Reynolds
Brett Rice
William Rice
Scott Riddle
Ryan Ritchie
Nick Ronnigen

Brian Russell
Jason Sams
Kristin Seagle
Holley Shamburger
David Sharkey
Laura Sharp
Kristy Shedlebower
Shannon Shelton

Carole Sheppard
Drew Sheppard
David Shields
Kevin Shope
Robert Shope
Jeff Sitton
Sheila Smith
Jeanna Sorrells

During biology, Misti Corn and Cynthia Corn give their books their undivided attention.

Joel Souther
Melissa Souther
Shane Southerland
Jeff Spanbauer
Tammy Sprinkle
Jason Stanley

Tara Swackhamer
John Swaney
Cindy Swanton
Cynthia Sweezy
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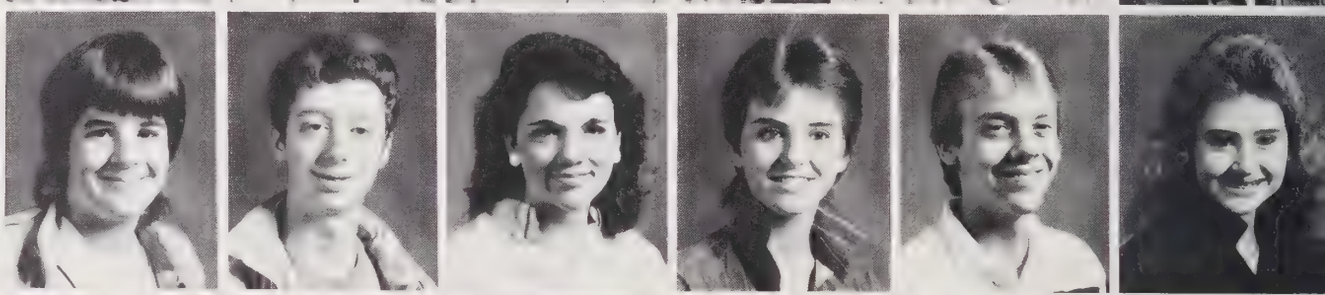
Debra Teaster



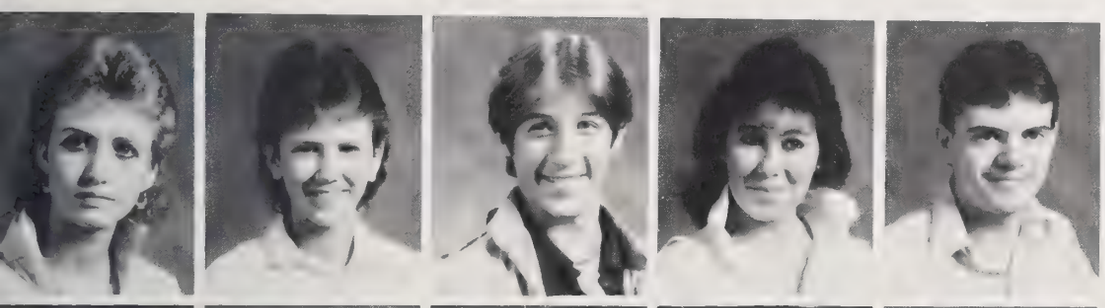
John Thorsland
Jeff Trussell
Susan Waitt
Battle Watkins
Jenni Watkins
Andra Watson

Lisa Wilkie
Ricky Wilkie
Melissa Wilson
Shannon Wilson
Patrick Wood
Mickey Wright

Last Wishes

Many times people say, "Before I die I'm gonna . . ." Some sophomores were asked what they would do if they found out they only had one week to live, and some unique answers were given. **Jeff Buchanan** said, "I would spend as much time with my friends as I could." **Scott Francis** had a much different answer when he said, "I would take out a 10 million dollar life insurance policy." **Wade Hall** was clever as he replied, "I would go to church and pray for another week," and **Michele Hopkins** decided to have fun when she said, "I would party at the beach for a whole week." The most unique reply was from **Karin Franklin** who said, "I would eat all the chocolate in the world and shop till I drop."

On his way to class, Frank Long takes a shortcut across the courtyard.



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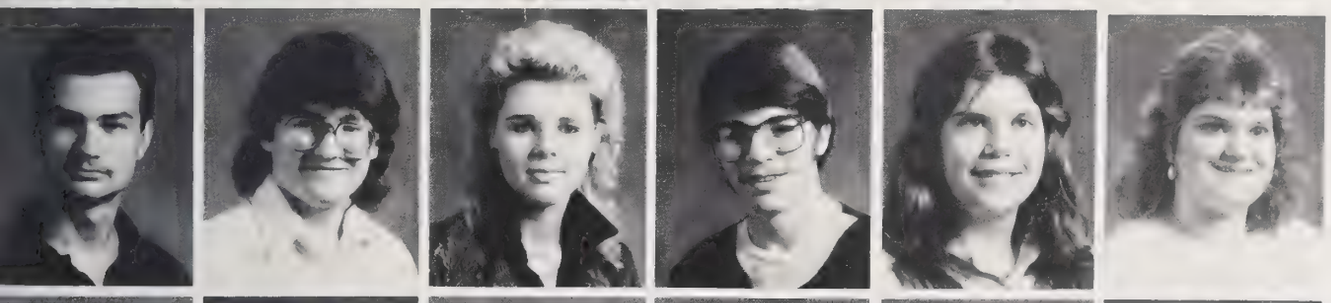
Penny Surrett
Scott Sutton



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Chris Terrell
Christine Tersinar
Brett Thompson
Polly Thompson
Stephanie Thompson

Dorothy Watts
Doug Waycaster
Alan Whitaker
Edward Whitehead
Tim Whitlock
Amber Wilkie

Karen Wycoff
Heather Yardley
Todd Younger
Trent Younger
Bryon Zimmerman
Dyan Zumstein

Hard at work, Mr. McDowell takes care of "trailer business."

Looking up from her books, Ms. Soble laughs at the classroom antics of one of her students.

Carmella Adams — General and C. P. Earth Science, A. G. Biology **Brenda Allison** — Library Aide **Janice Anderson** — General and C. P. English II, A. G. English II

Mike Cook — General and C. P. Biology **John Dickson** — Beginning Chorus, Advanced Chorus, Stage Band, Band **Juanita Dotson** — Custodian

Judy Gilreath — Exceptional Children's Program Aide **Brenda Gorsuch** — General and C. P. English IV, A. G. English IV, Journalism (Newspaper) **Linda Graham** — Office Occupations I and II, Shorthand

Luther Jones — A. G. Gov't/Econ., C. P. U. S. History, World History **Carol Kiefer** — General and C. P. English III **Linda Klein** — French I, II and III

Trailerside Chat

"I think West has improved tremendously since I was here," says **Coach Darrell McDowell,** the new In-house suspension director. While a student here, Coach McDowell participated in wrestling, football and track, the three sports he now coaches. He attended Pembroke State University but later transferred to Appalachian State University where he wrestled and majored in physical education and minored in psychology. **Coach McDowell** and his wife Lisa, both of whom graduated from West, lived three years in a small town outside of Greensboro while he taught at Madison-Mayodan High School.

Coach McDowell said he enjoys directing In-house suspension because it gives him time to organize and work on obtaining his master's degree in administration. He hopes to eventually work as a principal.

Not Pictured

Arnold Bryson — Advanced Math, Geometry, Technical Algebra
Richard Colgan — Introduction to Carpentry, Carpentry I and II
Gayle Drew — Strings
Diane Ketchie — Advanced Home Economics, Family Life
Joe Laughter — Introduction to Agriculture, Agriculture I and II
Leonard Hollifield — Masonry I, II and III
Gwen Newman — Guidance Aide
Daniel Pace — A. G. English III, C. P. and General English III
Pat Palmer — Art I and II
Rick Robinson — Exercise/Conditioning, Weightlifting
Frank Watkins — General and C. P. Gov't./ Econ., Geography
Carroll Wright — General U. S. History, Geography, Weightlifting

Paul Bagwell — Physical Education, Weightlifting **Joe Bailey** — General Biology, Advanced Biology **Ray Berkley** — Guidance Counselor **Joyce Coggins** — Accounting I and II, Typing I

Joyce Ellis — Typing I and II **Johanna Erlenbach** Theatre, Advanced Theatre **Kohlan Flynn** — Principal **Mary Gasaway** — General Math, Consumer Math, Algebra I

Carol Hindle — General English II, Spanish I **Grant Housley** — Introduction to Marketing, Marketing I and II **Matilda Israel** — Consumer Math, Algebra I, Geometry **Mariano Jarrin** — Spanish I, II and III

Rose Koszarsky — Bookkeeper **Barbara Lemmons** — Geometry, General Math, Algebra II **Sharon Lewis** — Typing I **Rosemary Lisby** — Special Education

Shop Talk

One of the many new faces around West this year was that of **Mr. Richard Colgan.** With his fifteen years of experience in construction, **Mr. Colgan** had an excellent background for teaching carpentry. In addition to his carpentry skills, he was qualified to teach health education, and speech. On the subject of education, **Mr. Colgan** had this to say:

"Education is how we pass knowledge from one generation to another. Either we learn from the mistakes of our ancestors or we don't. We can pass on what is useful from one generation to the next. Ultimately it is our responsibility to guide those that come after us much like an archer guides his arrow. With love and caring we can try to aim our children toward the mark of what we think is right, but in the final analysis we must let go and let them find their own mark."

Seeking revenge on yard wrappers, Mrs. Coggins does her own wrapping job on the desk of one of the alleged "vandals".

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Craig Long — General and C. P. English II **Mike Manis** — Assistant Principal **Joe Manno** — Computers I and II, Advanced Computers **Joe McBride** — Chemistry, Physics **Sara McCracken** — Special Education

Darrell McDowell — Alternative Education **Lynn Moore** — Guidance Counselor **Janice Padgett** — Child Care I and II **Carolyn Phillips** — Remedial Math, Remedial English **Greg Price** — Counselor **Gail Riggs** — General and C. P. English IV **Betty Robinson** — Secretary **Will Sanders** — Driver Education **Linda Soble** — Consumer Math, Algebra I, Calculus

Janet Stakias — World History, C. P. Gov't. Econ., Journalism (Yearbook) **Jan Stanley** — Physical Education, Physical Conditioning **Elaine Stoll** — Custodian **Steve Taylor** — Introduction to Drafting, Drafting I and II **Kent Teeter** — Driver Education **Becky Varnadore** — Health Occupations I and II **Alexsandra Voso** — General and C. P. Biology **Kay Wall** — Librarian **Bill Worley** — General and C. P Gov't./Econ.

Back to the Basics in

ACADEMICS

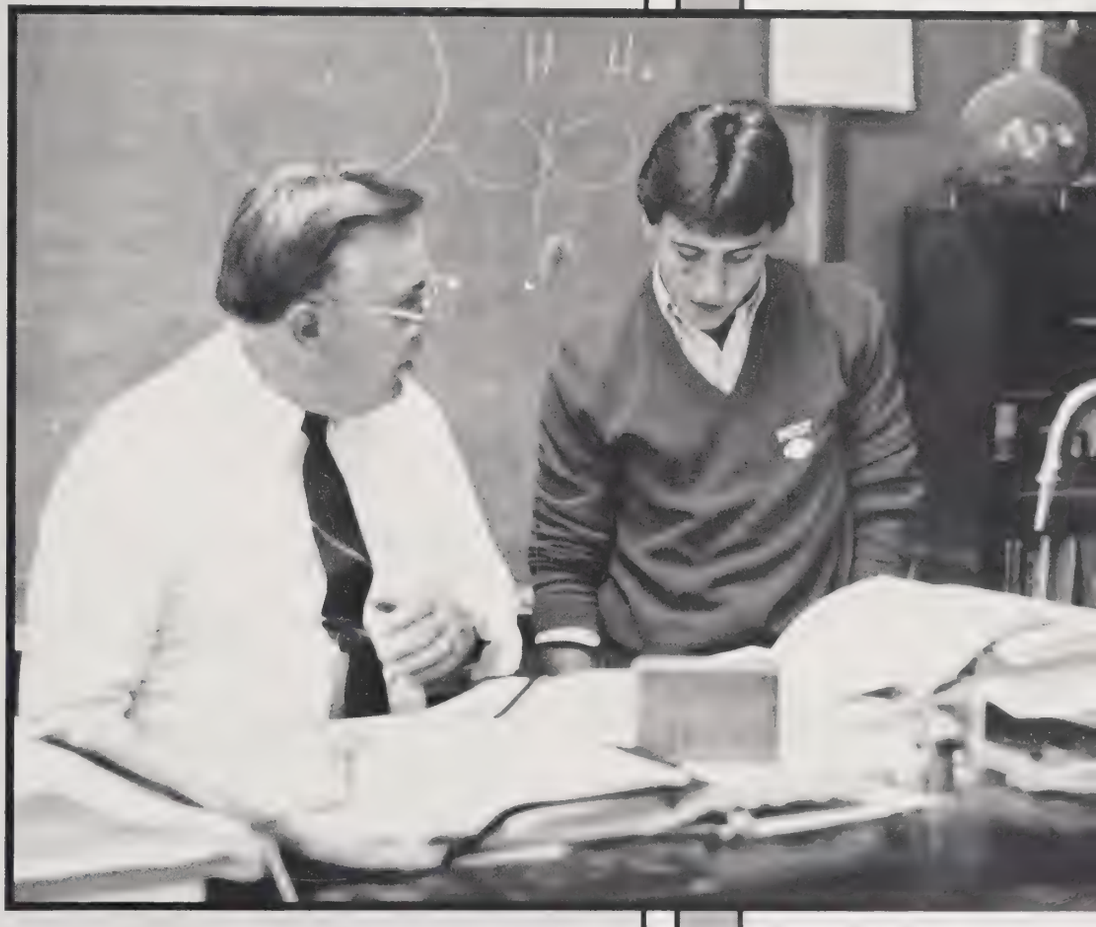
You would never have expected to find academics interesting, let alone fun, but realizing that you actually learned something useful somehow made all that labor worthwhile.

Think of all the new dreams and possibilities that were discovered and explored. The year has left, but the academic achievements stayed with us.

Now, wasn't that fun?

With classes like carpentry, academics can be practical as well as fun for students such as Tony Marra, Clay Parham, and Danny Fulcher.

Chemistry isn't all fun and games as Ron Stanley finds out from Mr. McBride



WEEKDAY WARRIORS

The best way to pass your English class is to follow the instructions in your survival kit. These instructions, when followed exactly, will increase your chances of getting a passing grade even if you're always goofing off.

Start with an item no survival kit should be without — a supply of spiral notebook "fuzzies". When used correctly, these "fuzzies" can make you very popular with your English teacher. When you tear paper out of your notebook, save the little pieces of paper that fall from the spiral. Scatter these around your desk to fend off over-friendly teachers.

The most important item in your survival kit is a hair dryer. Most teachers make you pick up around your desk before the bell rings. With your trusty hair dryer, you can blow your trash to your neighbors's desk. Then you will be ready to make a break for it when the bell rings.

There is one item you must absolutely never, never, ever be without — your writing utensil. First choose the type you prefer — a pencil, pen, or crayon. Next, superglue it to your finger, and you will always be prepared to write. This will make you look intersted and is sure to score a big hit with your teacher.

An item most people fail to include in their survival kit but should never be left out is a sturdy, metal fingernail file. This is needed for prying your books loose from the wads of gum so thoughfully left under your desk. It can also be used to pry loose your slacks or panty hose from your desk.

"These instructions . . . will increase your chances of getting a passing grade, even if you're always goofing off . . ."

Your high tech-miniature remote control, tape recorder is perhaps the handiest item of all. Use it to create diversions on the other side of the room when you're called on and are unprepared.

Occasionally you go to class without your textbook. This is an unpardonable sin with your teacher. Quickly look around the room and find someone who's always well-equipped. Position yourself just right, yell fire, grab his book, then quickly jump in your seat and look very innocent. After all, teachers love innocence.

It has been rumored that an enterprising senior has begun the organization of an English survival kit. This should be available in the near future to make the years at West more endurable for sophomores and juniors.

Innocently, Val Watson demonstrates the "how to steal your neighbor's text book" technique in Spanish class.

While completing his art project, Jonathan Wise proves that diligence is the best method for "class cutting."

Still unaware that paying attention is the best technique of all, Marcia Jackson, Kevin Rutter, Tonya Barnwell, Wesley Russell and Paul Dolinger may not survive Mrs. Rutter's next jul. Not English that.

Madame Klein [illegible] her "weekday warriors" in French, the language of love.

It All Adds Up

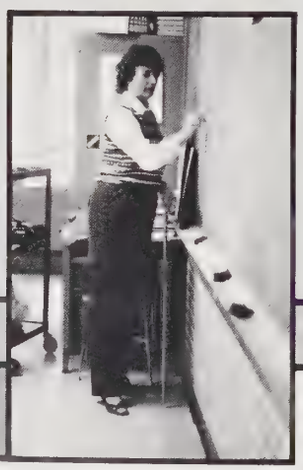
As you sat in math class patiently trying to comprehend the lesson, something overpowering may have entered your mind: The "What Ifs". Falcon minds have thought up some extraordinary examples. — What if, during a calculus class, a student came up with a problem the teacher couldn't solve? When asked, **Ms. Soble** said that she has run across this problem more than once. "Yes, not only in calculus but in other math classes as well. Through research and other teachers, I have found the answer for the student."

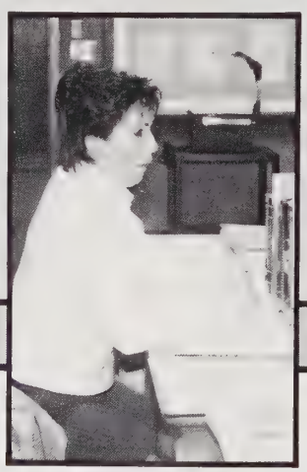
Another "What If" — What if your geometry teacher got his/her fingers stuck in a compass? Sophomore **Junior Strickland** said that his reaction would be, "What did you do that for, Teach?"

— What if, during an Advanced Math exam, the lights went out and you happened to be using a solar-powered calculator?

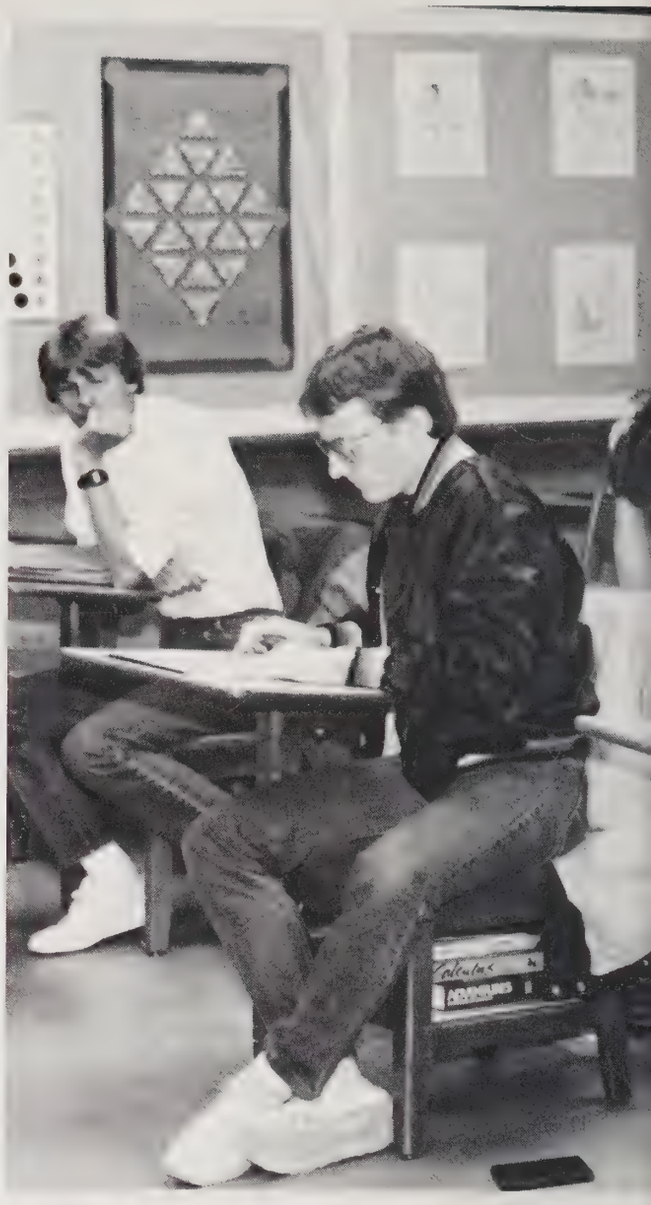
— What if the answers in the back of your math book were all wrong? "I would die!" replied sophomore **Landra Absher.**

"What Ifs" have distracted students for the last 27 years at West. Without "What Ifs", many would not have survived math classes all those years.





As a floating teacher, Mrs. Lemmons makes-do at the chalkboard of an English classroom for her Algebra I students.



Distracted somewhat by a student, Ms. (Linda) Soble still manages to keep a watchful eye on her Algebra II class.

Calculus is a very demanding subject as Roger Barkley, Greg Waitt, Brian Rayfield, Christi Crocker, Vicki Hinkle, and Tammy Trantham discover

With a smile of encouragement, Mrs. (Matilda) Israel starts another geometry class.

While Scott Francis and Michele Hopkins diligently study, John Dixon finds something rather amusing in Mrs. (Barbara) Lemmons' geometry class.

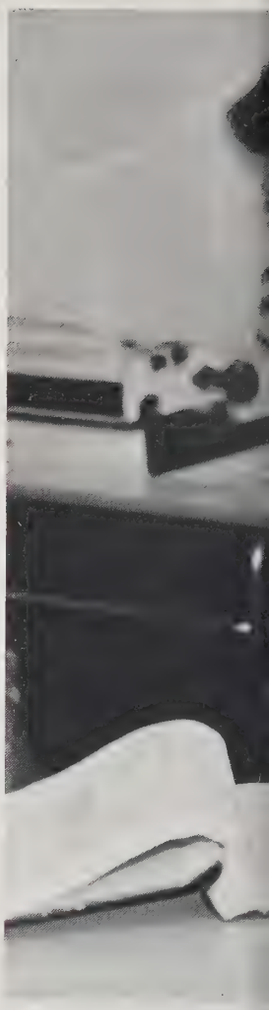
Thumbing through some graded papers, Mr. (Arnold) Bryson passes them back to their owners.

Part of the Plan

This past year Henderson County schools implemented a new Basic Education program which resulted in some limitations on faculty and students. Some social activities and the long lunches of the past had to go to make way for more "time-on-task" in the classrooms. Some students such as senior **Scott Spanbauer** felt that the program was unfair in taking away extra school activities such as pep rallies and assemblies. **Dr. (Kohlan) Flynn,** knowing that keeping spirit up is an important part of school life, did make time for a few pep rallies, even though they were shortened. Sophomore cheerleader **Marcie Bailey** felt that this wasn't enough and was an "injustice to the students," but junior cheerleader **Tracy Lyda** was "glad we got to have them."

Seeing the positive side of the Basic Education plan, **Mr. (Craig) Long** felt that it will improve the quality of education in the schools for many years to come. Many students, such as sophomore **Elise Chalfin** agreed. "The program helped kids want to learn more and kept them motivated throughout the year."

It may take a while to see the results of the program, but the payoff of providing better education is worth striving for.



Typing skills are valuable for one's own benefit as well as career orientation. Joan Dickson, along with Carolyn Kelly and Kristin Gussman take up the challenge.

Working hard to finish his drafting project, Jeff Cantrell takes advantage of the extra time in class.

Preparing for class, Leslie McCoy (foreground), Karen Ricker and Aaron Kuykendall waste no time.

A friendly atmosphere in Spanish class, as Señor Jarrin jokes with Rhonda Hill, makes the longer periods pass quickly.

Aware that she will have to take an exit exam in biology, Gynger Allison concentrates on doing well on a test.

WHAT'S WHAT

Did your heart skip a beat every time you heard the word "history"? Did you live each day so that you might once again gaze upon the gilded pages of your social studies text book? Did the sound of your history teacher's voice thrill your very soul? If not, perhaps you were one of the few brave people who dared to suppose.

— Just suppose that you had been born in the year 1300 B.C., then you wouldn't have so much history to learn.

—Just suppose that Columbus and his crew decided to spend a few weeks hunting polar bears in Antarctica instead of discovering America.

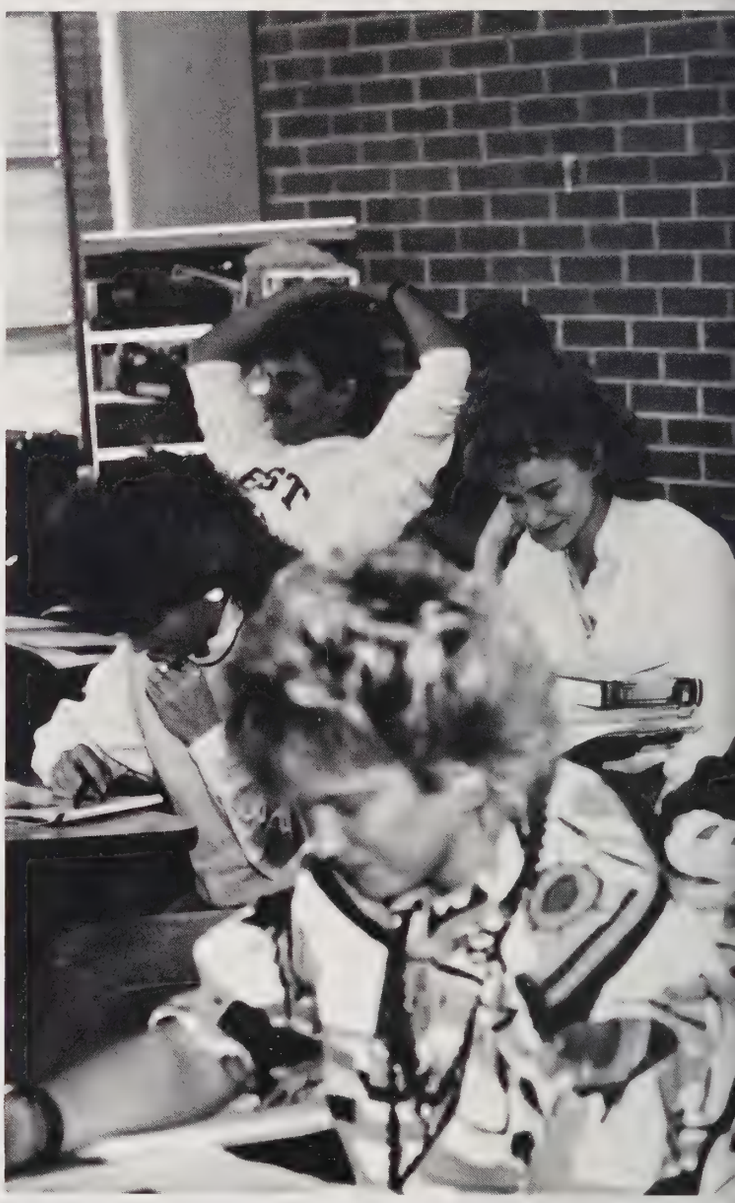
— Just suppose that Alexander Graham Bell had decided to be a travel agent instead of inventing the telephone.

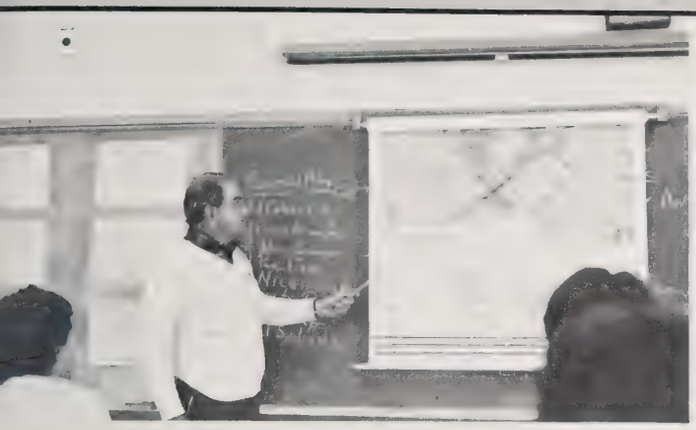
— Just suppose Ronald McDonald had become president — our national emblem would have been the golden arches and our motto would have been . . . "Over 40 billion served . . ."

Next time you trudge into history class let your imagination soar. History isn't so bad, expecially if you "just suppose" you could be a part of it someday.

Receiving some extra instruction from Mr. Watkins, Leslie McCoy struggles to understand our complex government during a current events assignment.

With his black board and maps, Coach Carrol Wright gives his students a "world" of knowledge in geography class.



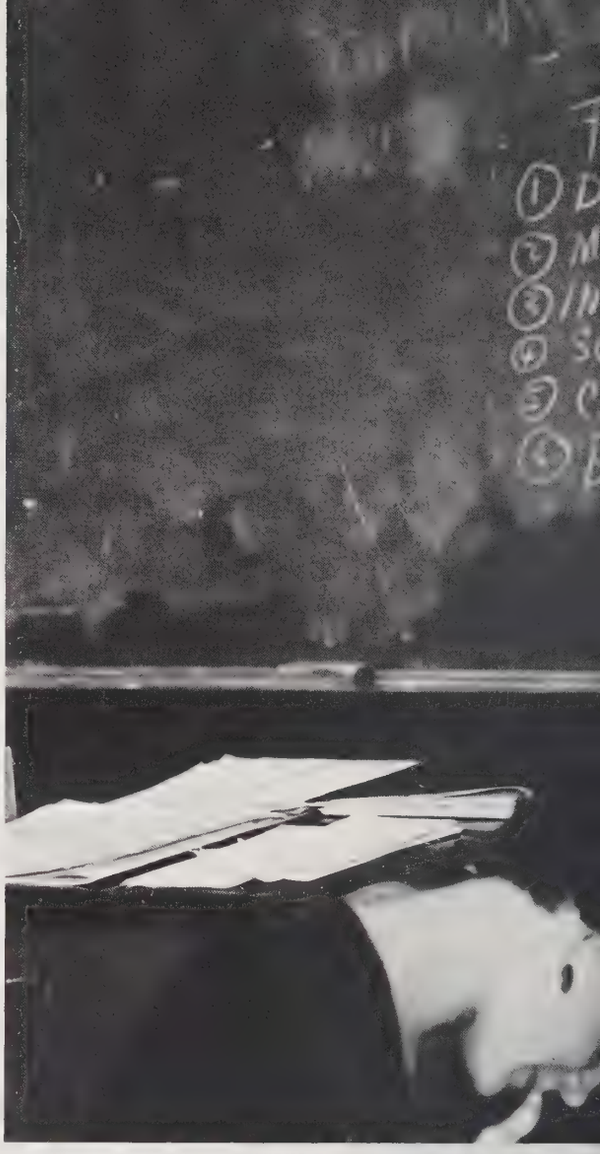


Drawing parallels between chess and medieval war tactics, Mr. Jones makes world studies seem just like a game!

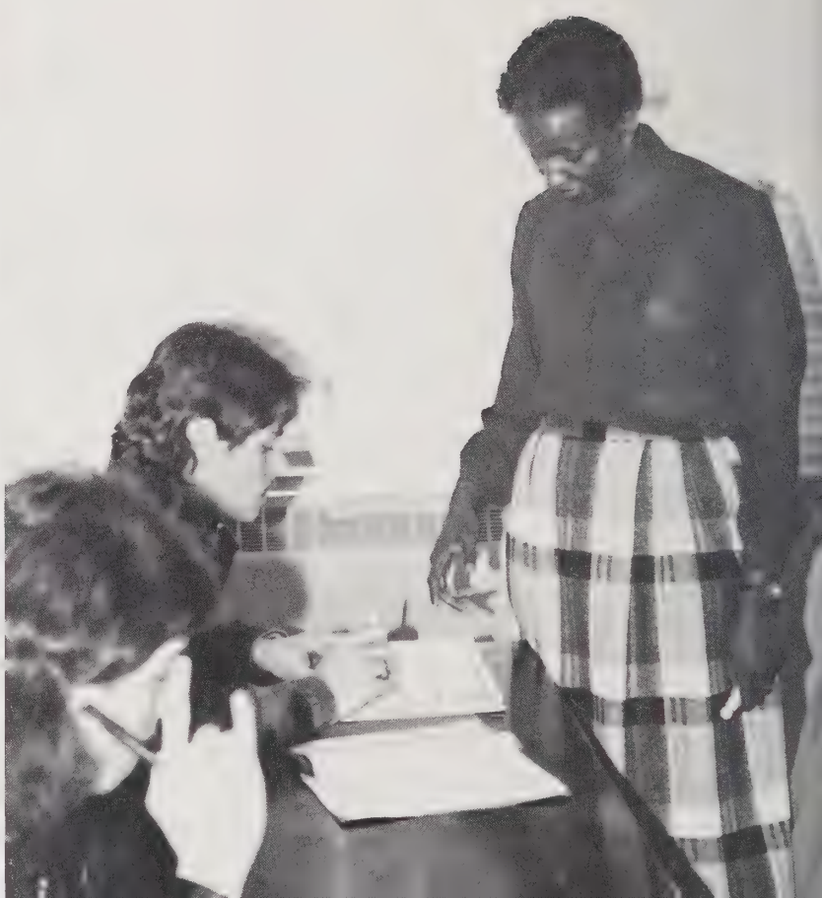
During Mr. Worley's 5th period government-economics class, Jean Blodgett and Dawn Charters take notes on our government's economic system.

The Wonders of Science

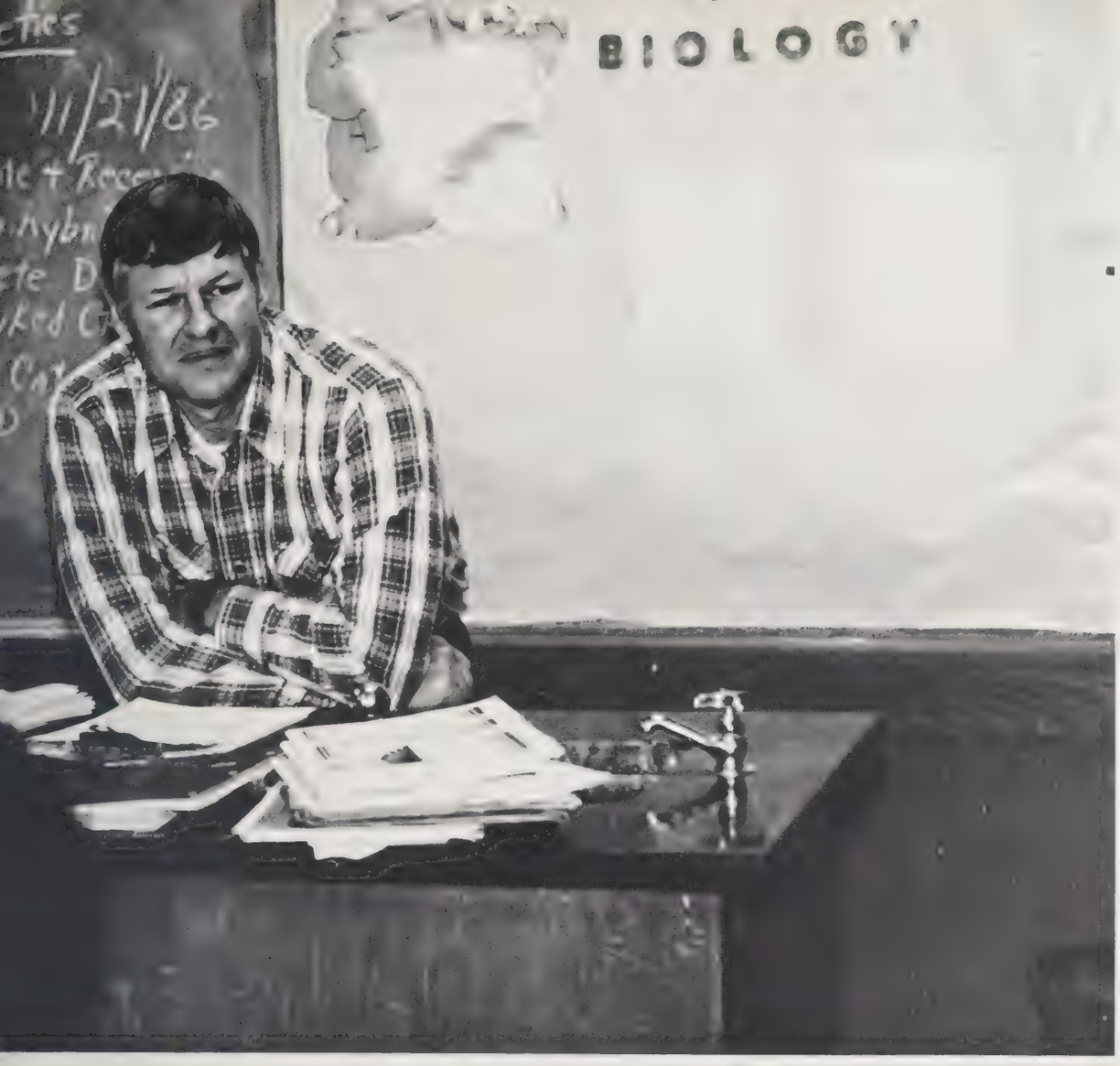
Have you ever wondered about the unanswerable questions of the world? Well if you haven't, many others have. These people with curious minds of yesterday are the scientists of today. Our science teachers taught us about the questions scientists have answered. They opened our minds to the fascinating world of science. This past year they gave us knowledge, made us wonder and want to discover more about our world. They also wanted us to try to answer our questions ourselves. **Phoebe Lawless** made the comment in **Miss Voso's** biology class that she was going to find out "why the election transport chain goes through a stairstep stage," so that she can win the Nobel Prize. Comments such as this were what our science teachers hoped for, so that maybe some students of West might make a future contribution to science. Science has so much that is as yet unknown, it offers career opportunities for many people such as **Jenny Kumor** who would like to pursue a career in microbiology. She said it "fascinates" her. "For those who don't want a career in science, the process skills can be used to solve problems in our everyday life," science teacher **Mrs. Carmella Adams** said.



Using a spare moment as students take a test, Miss (Alexsandra) Voso grades biology notebooks.



Needing help with a question, Dennis Cutshaw asks Mrs. (Carmella) Adams for advice.



Satisfied that his class understands the assignment, Mr. (Mike) Cook observes Charlyne McCall and others at their work.

Passing back papers, Mr. (Joe) Bailey makes sophomore Jimmy Kesterson anxious to see his grade, while the other students, Darren Parker, Leslie O'Neil, and Robert Dunbar wait.

What's Next?

"What do you want to be when you grow up?" People have been asking us that since we were little kids. Most of us still did not know what we wanted to do as adults, but vocational programs may have helped us find out. The vocational courses at West ranged from child care to carpentry. We asked some students what they want to be when they "grow up." "I'd like to be a child-care professional, because I love kids and I enjoy taking care of them," said **Laura Harrison.**

Another course such as home economics was considered by **Candy Gentle** to be helpful in a career goal such as becoming a pediatrician or obstetrician.

Kim McKinney, a business occupation student said that she wants a career in business "because it's what I've always wanted to do, and it's always interested me. I also feel that since it's interesting to me, it would be better than trying something new which I might not like."

Getting ready to open the school store, Michelle Higgins puts the money on the counter.

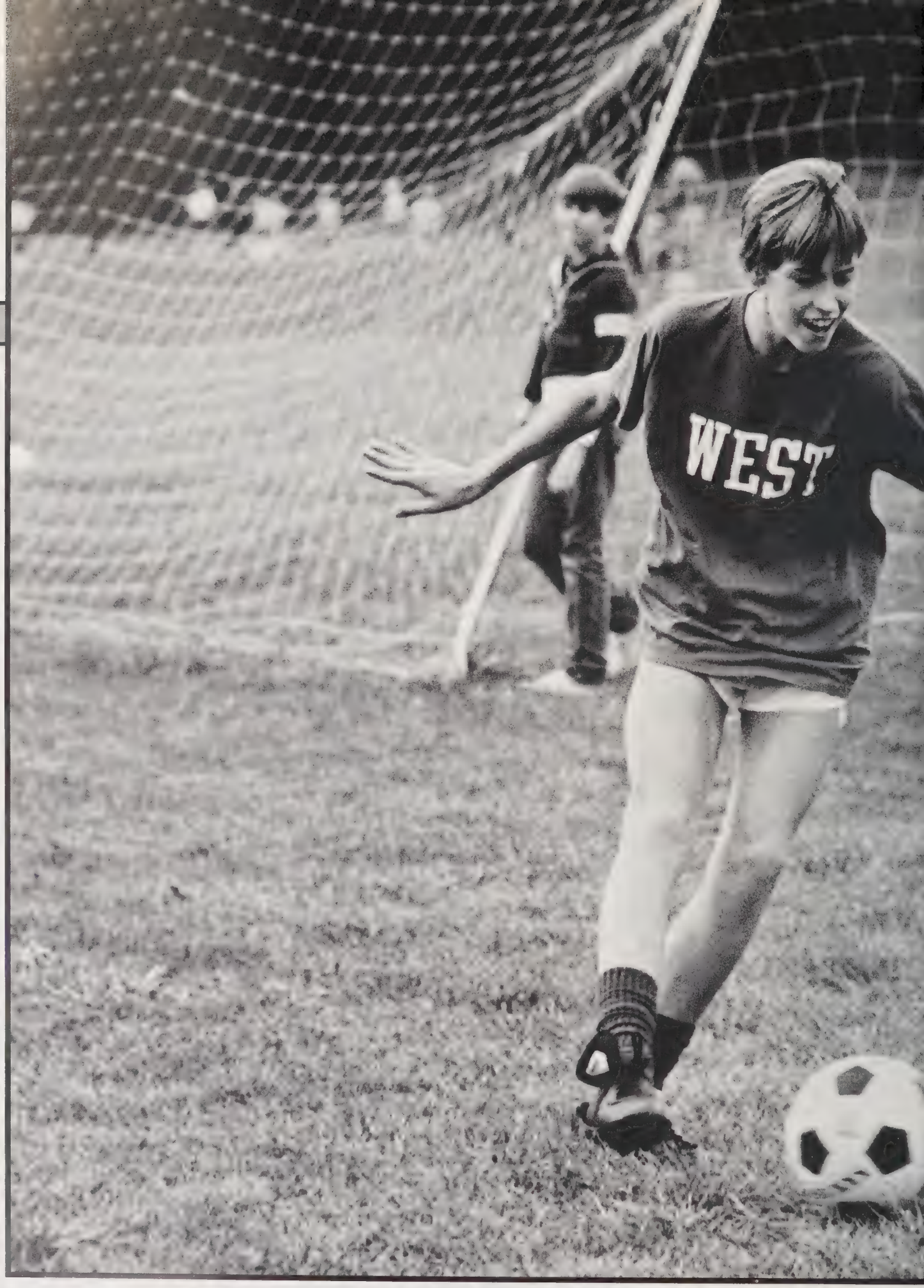
Typing is an important part of business, as Teresa Plemmons finds out in her business occupation class.

In drafting class, Richard Batchelor works to finish his project.

VOCATIONS AHEAD

Putting the finishing touches on his project, Scott Randall coats it with a stain.

Cleaning the blender, Marie Brown prepares to leave child care class.


WEST

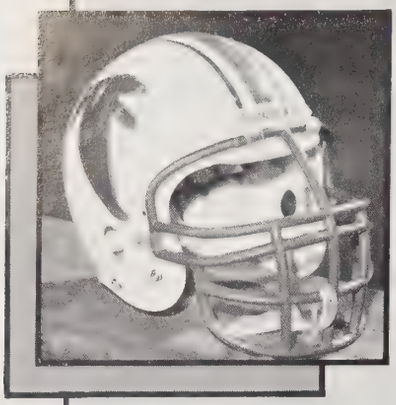
The Fun of

SPORTS

Long, grueling practices, sore muscles, and enraged coaches were some of the things about sports which may not have been fun. However in victory or defeat, the Falcons could hold their heads high in any sport because they put forth their greatest effort. So, when the season was over, Falcons could look back and say, "Now wasn't that fun?"

Before the soccer game, Eric Bullard has fun practicing his kicking.

A fun fall Friday night event is a good football game. The excitement increases as senior Mike Lemmons makes a run toward the end zone.

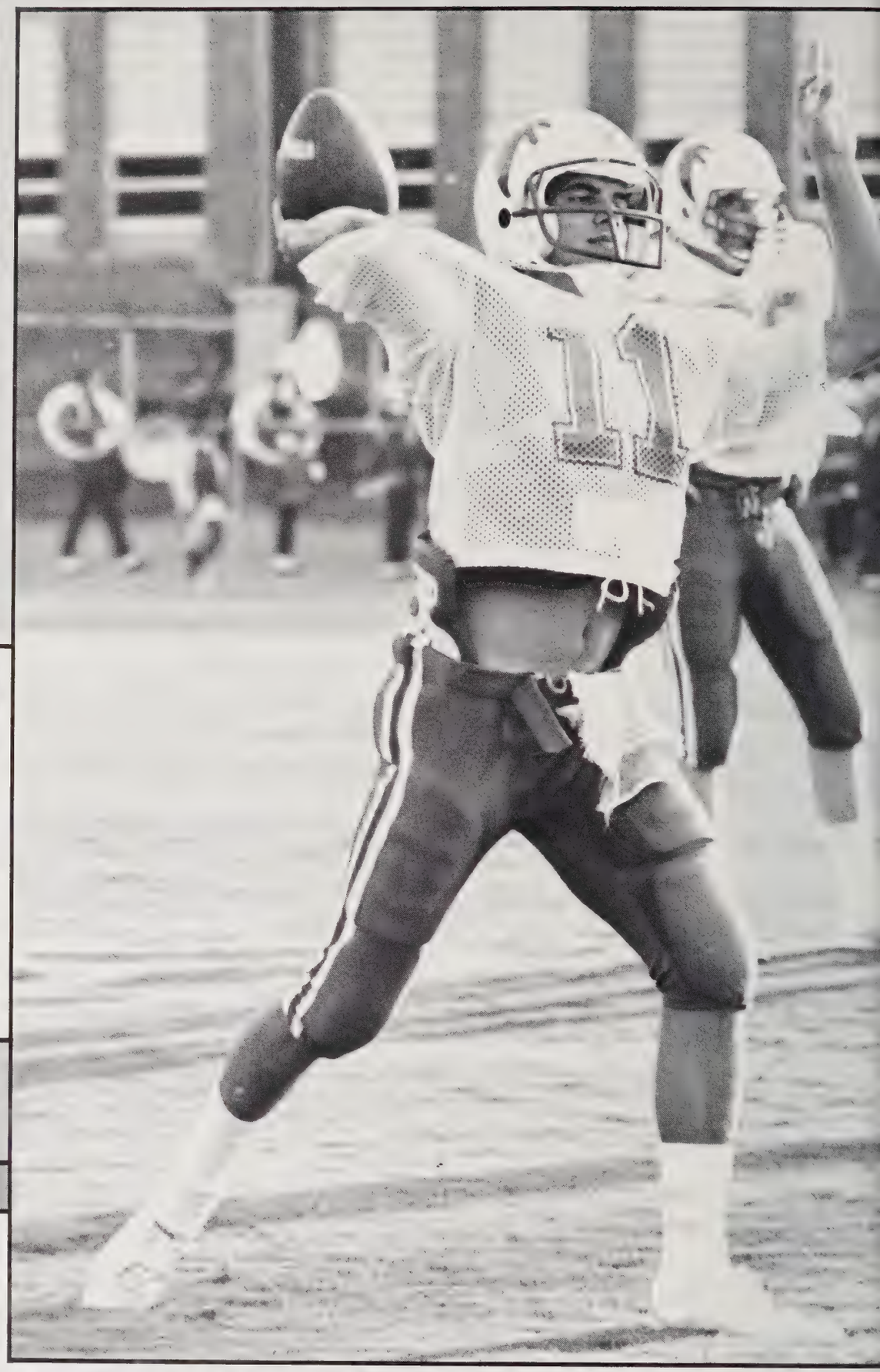


Before the first game of the season, sophomore Jason Stanley warms up at Dietz Field.

Facing the visitors' side, Tracy Lyda cheers about her "Falcon Pride".

The Falcon defense prepares to stop Hendersonville's offensive efforts.

The cheerleaders hold their banner as the Falcons explode through it.



An Experienced Coach

When **Coach Carroll Wright** was the quarterback for the Swain County Maroon Devils, who would have thought he would be coaching today at West?

Although this was his sixth year at West, he has been coaching for twenty-six years. When asked what he liked about coaching, he replied, "I like to watch the players progress through high school, what the game teaches as far as the values of life, the development of the team, and of course winning."

Coach Wright's philosophy was shown when he said, "If the heat gets too hot in the kitchen, get out," because he sees no room in the game of football for goofing off.

Coach Wright watches intently as the team displays what he has taught them

Coach Teeter and Mark Davis tend to Mike Lemmons after his injury during the Edneyville game.

In a huddle, the Falcon defense discuss their plans for the next play.

Showing their sportsmanship, the Falcons shake hands with their opponents, the Pisgah Bears.

Practice Makes Perfect

It would have seemed that Friday nights were just for football games, but to the team it was a contrast to practice. Some of the players said the easiest part of the football week was the actual game.

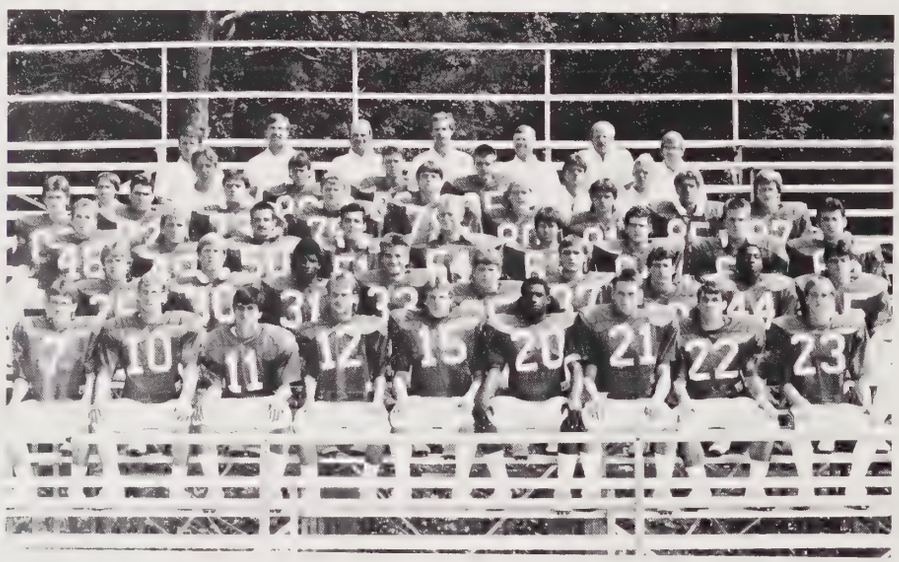
So what made practice so hard? Practice started with fundamentals, which included running, the mirror drill, in which one player leads five others. He then yelled "GO", which triggered the followers to hit him, one after the other. Next they broke into offensive groups and finally took a much-needed and deserved break. After their rest they got back to work with team offense, scrimmaged, ran sprints, and did more conditioning drills.

So why did they go to all this trouble? Senior **Mike Lemmons** stated he liked football because, "I like the competition against other schools and friends."

Senior **Jay Redmond** said it best. "Practice is the hardest part of football, but if you don't practice you won't get any better."

Playing on defense, David Lancaster and Jay Redmond anxiously await the snap.

VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM



First Row — Wayland Shamburger, Andrew Nickell, Jason Stanley, Paul Whitaker, Rob Worley, Brian McMinn, Kris Stepp, Mark Miller, Brian Pressley **Second Row** — Jeff Wilkie, Eddie Couch, Solon Logan, Mike Lemmons, Aaron Kuykendall, Patrick Bock, Jon Dysinger, Derrick Lee, Brian Hartsell **Third Row** — Doug Nesbitt, Zee Weaver, Wally Puckett, Daniel Mace, Ricky Moore, Jeff Smith, John Dixon, Jay Redmond, Keith Arbogast **Fourth Row** — Phil Darnell, Ryan Ingerick, Danny Case, Jeff Simpson, Doug Couch, Doug Searcy, Curt Dellinger, David Lancaster, David Morgan **Fifth Row** Paul Dellinger, Brain Steelman, Ron Stanley, Mike Worley, Tommy Whitaker, Mark Davis, Scott Vance **Sixth Row** — Coaches Darrell McDowell, Steve Taylor, Carroll Wright, Greg Price, Mike Cook, Rick Robinson, Kent Teeter

THE BOTTOM LINE

0-33	Hendersonville
19-24	Tuscola
45- 0	Pisgah
9- 7	East Henderson
34- 8	Edneyville
Conference Games	
17- 0	North Buncombe
15-14	TC Roberson
31- 0	Franklin
6-14	Owen
0-12	Brevard

VARSITY FOOTBALL CHEERLEADERS

Front Row — Juliet Nicholson, Hayley Davis, Tracy Lyna **Second Row** — Susan Thorsland, Christy Doggett, Jenni Bagwell **Third Row** — Sharon Thorsland, Kim Kisner, Angie Barkley **Back Row** — Karen Ricker

Jay Redmond blocks an opponent as Mike Lemmons is tripped while carrying the ball.

The running backs were strong . . . and I was most pleased with the progress of the offensive and defense lines.
Coach Wright

Carrying the ball, Brian McMinn is assisted by a block from Danny Case.

After a leg injury, Eddie Coach is carried off the field.

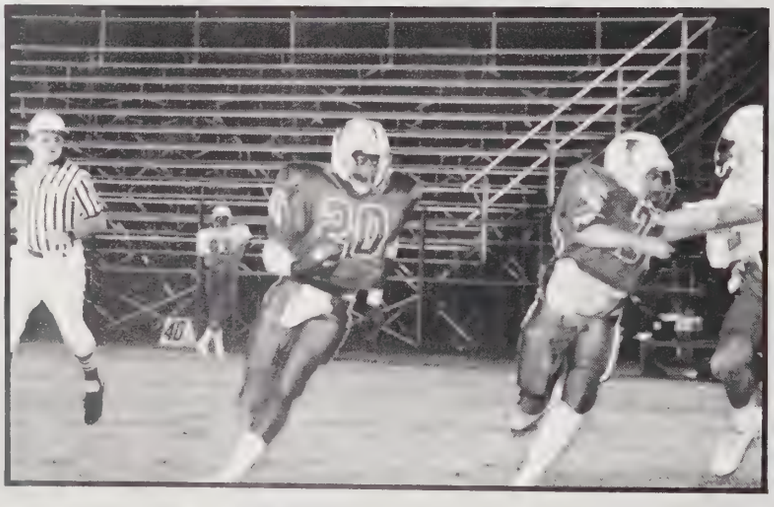


Photo by Mark Conner

As captains of the game, Jay Redmond and Danny Case go out for the coin toss.

As an opponent drops the ball, Solon Logan prepares to tackle him.

An Increased Effort

Coach Carroll Wright noticed the strengths of his team. "The running backs were strong, and there was a sound kicking game."

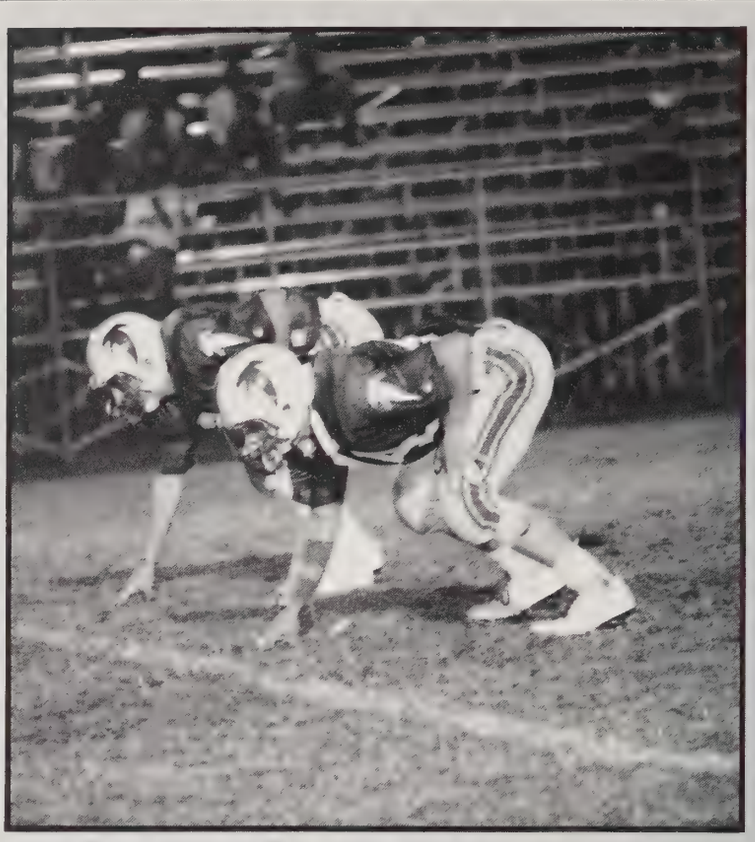
As the season progressed, so did the team. As time went on more effort was put into every game. But at the season's end, all that effort wasn't enough to give the Falcons the record they would have liked. Although they finished the season with a 6-4 record, senior **Daniel Mace** stated, "We were a better team than the record shows."

In the Hendersonville game, Wayland Shamburger attempts a field goal.

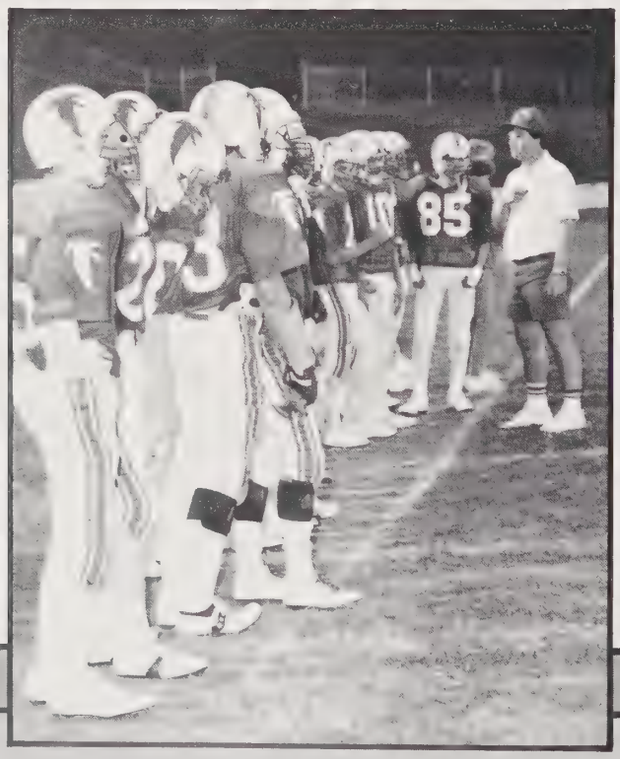
On the ground, the mascot's head is temporarily abandoned.

Going The Extra Mile

The members of the JV Football Team might have been new to West, but when it came to football, some of these guys were "old pros." **Coach Craig Long** stated, "They worked hard this year and went that extra mile for victory." Sophomore **Todd Murphy** said, "It gives you a great sense of accomplishment when you give your all and win." That is why **Coach Long** has enjoyed coaching. He likes the relationship with the team and the challenge of getting all he can out of a player. He reminded the guys, "It's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog."



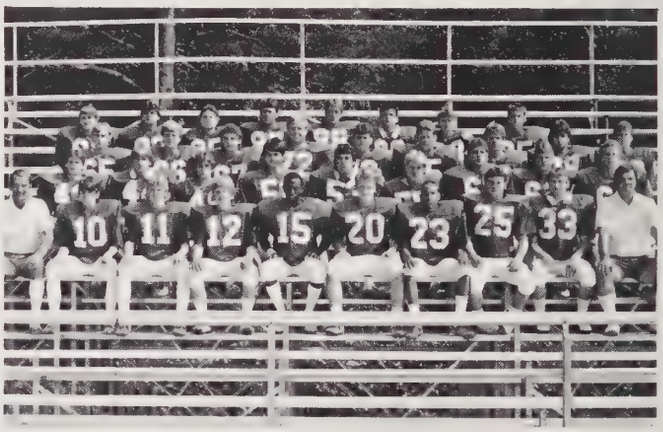
In the backfield. running backs Troy Neil and Adam Fox get ready for the next play.



All together, the J.V. team receives a briefing from Coach Long.

J.V. cheerleaders, Leigh Gardner and Marcie Bailey prepare for the run-through.

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL



J.V. Football Team: Front Row — Coach Paul Bagwell, Chad Barber, Todd Murphy, Brandon Cartee, Isaac Pulley, Battle Watkins, Rodney Allen, Donnie Hollifield, Brian Russell, Coach Craig Long **Second Row** — Scott Riddle, Adam Fox, Edward Plott, Jeff Buchanan, Cameron Garren, Scott London, Steve Carter, Greg Fisher **Third Row** — Robert Pryor, Derek Irving, Simon Isanhart, Wade Hall, Shannon Shelton, Billy Orr, Tripp Harris, Rodney Bullock, Mike Reynolds **Back Row** — Rob Atkinson, Jodie Hartley, Rob Duensing, Joe Arbogast, Jerry Frady, Todd Younger, Randall Baynard, John Thorsland

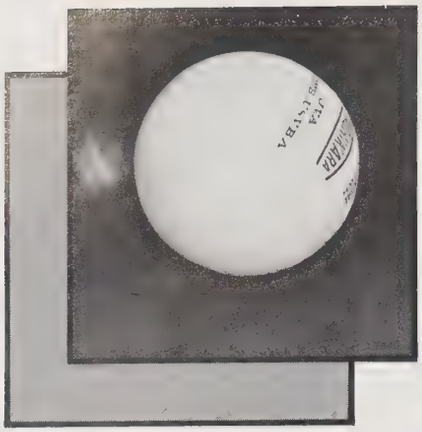
On second down, the Falcons get ready to try to gain yards.

JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS

J.V. Cheerleaders: Dyan Zumstein, Marcie Bailey, Kelly Baker, Kristen Koszarsky, Amber Wilkie, Leigh Gardner

THE BOTTOM LINE

7-10	Pisgah
18- 7	East Henderson
6-28	Brevard
6- 0	North Buncombe
35- 0	TC Roberson
35-14	Franklin
17-23	Tuscola
18-19	Brevard



VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Photo by: Larry Allison

Front Row: Sissy Baker, Angie Meadows, Karen Gruca, Sherry Smith, Denise Kohler, Anne Rhodes **Second Row:** Kelly Johnson, Kathy Rice, Tonia Corn, Holley Shamburger, Penny Henderson, Liz Baity, Danielle Welch, Coach Jan Stanley.

Duck or Die

"Winning the conference was our goal. Our hardest game was Enka," stated Coach **Jan Stanley.** The team won the county tournament, were 10-0 in the conference and 19-5 overall. In the conference tournament they eliminated Pisgah in the first round and then were defeated by Enka.

Most people would not have thought the varsity volleyball team could have done as well as they did in the 1986 season. The girls proved to be a hard working team. Senior **Kathy Rice** said, "I was really honored to be on such a successful volleyball team."

"They proved to the school and the community that they had the talent and ability to play anybody," remarked **Coach Stanley.** With that kind of skill, it was no wonder that when the Lady Falcons played, their motto was "Duck or Die!"

With much concentration, Liz Baity prepares to serve the ball.

Some of the varsity volleyball team have a huddle during a break.

THE BOTTOM LINE

West		Opponent
1	Enka	3
3	Erwin	2
3	Rosman	0
0	East	2
2	Hendersonville	0
3	Erwin	0
3	Edneyville	0
1	Enka	2
3	North Buncombe	0
3	Rosman	0
3	TC Roberson	1
3	Franklin	0
3	Owen	2
3	Brevard	1
3	North Buncombe	0
1	Edneyville	3
3	TC Roberson	2
3	Franklin	1
3	Owen	1
3	Brevard	2
	Tournament	
2	Hendersonville	0
2	East	0
	State Playoffs	
3	Pisgah	0
0	Enka	3

After a spike, Sissy Baker bumps the ball.

Receiving an all-county team trophy, Tonia Corn happily shakes hands with Coach Stanley.

While taking a rest, Denise Kohler becomes distracted by another player.

Receiving instructions from Coach Stanley are Denise Kohler, Marianna Dockery, and Jeanna Sorrells.

THE BOTTOM LINE

West	Opponent	
0	Enka	2
2	Erwin	1
2	Rosman	0
0	Erwin	2
2	Edneyville	0
0	Enka	2
2	North Buncombe	0
2	Rosman	0
1	TC Roberson	2
1	Franklin	2
2	Owen	1
2	Brevard	0
2	North Buncombe	1
1	Edneyville	2
2	TC Roberson	1
0	Franklin	2
2	Owen	1
2	Brevard	1

J.V. VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Front Row — Marianna Dockery, Phoebe Lawless, Denise Kohler, Jeanna Sorrells, Angel Austin **Second Row** — Angie Meadows, Michele Hopkins, Coach Jan Stanley, Sherri Moore, Pam Cunningham.

Self Determination

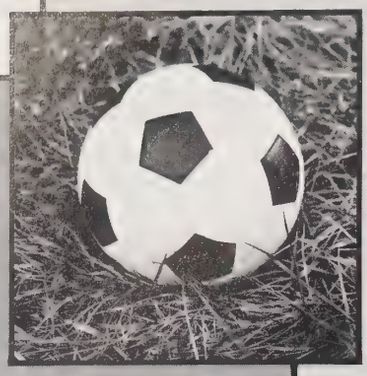
"They never gave up. I was very proud of all of them. They were the type of girls you like to have in your program," stated **Coach Jan Stanley.**

The J.V. volleyball team finished the season with a 7-3 record in the conference and 11-7 overall.

The record shows the determination that the team had. Determination means putting your best foot forward and never backing out. Win or lose that Falcon determination was always present at every game that the girls played. Sophomore **Jeanna Sorrells** said, "If we lost, we tried our best, and that's what matters."

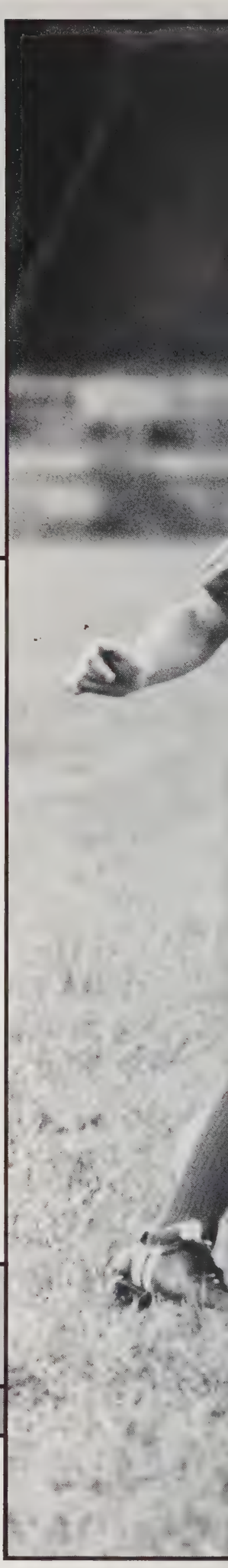
During the game, the JV volleyball team is given advice by their coach.

Concentrating intensely, Marianna Dockery waits for the ball to be served.



Waiting for instructions, the soccer team huddles around Coach Ken Pressley.

Blocking an opposing player, Ross Lyons battles for control of the ball.



THE BOTTOM LINE

West	Opponent	
0	TC Roberson	4
4	Franklin	8
1	Erwin	5
5	North Buncombe	1
4	Owen	5
1	AC Reynolds	4
2	Hendersonville	4
0	Enka	11
0	TC Roberson	7
3	Franklin	7
3	Hendersonville	5
1	North Buncombe	0
2	Owen	5

SOCCER TEAM

Soccer Team: Front Row — Daniel House, Eric Bullard, Chris Orr, Tyler Brock, Jenny Kumor, Shawn Davis, Dawn Packard, Dawn Charters, Beth Meckley **Second Row** — Ross Lyons, Philip Gussman, Derek Nelsen, David Shaffer, Paul Abbot, Chris Phillips, Boo Whitaker, Wayne Busch, Chuck Rheban, Jeff Spanbauer, Sean Little

A Long Wait

After a long delay, a soccer team was finally formed at West Henderson.

The team had a lot to overcome. One was the fact that it was a new sport to West, and second, they had no field on which to play or practice. They had to practice and play home games at Rugby. However, to the team, just the chance to play soccer against real competition made it worthwhile.

Junior **Ross Lyons** summed up the season. "We were a first year team, so we had to spend a lot of time not only conditioning but working with each other."

After the ball rolls out of bounds, Yutaka Nakano throws it back into play

Before a meet, Scott Wilkinson, Tony Young, Wesley Russell, and Ty Sawyer discuss the competition.

After a grueling run, Wesley Russell takes a breather.

Dedicated Runners

The cross country team was a group of Falcons who let nothing get in the way of their running. Neither the rain nor the intense heat stopped these runners from going out and participating in their sport. Senior **Brian Cartee** said, "It took a lot of hard work, endurance and dedication to be on the cross country team." The runners may not have received the splendor that athletes in other sports got, but the gratification that the runners felt after completing a grueling run was unequaled by any "post-game dance."

CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Ty Sawyer, Ellen House, Brian Cartee, Scott Wilkinson, Tony Young, Wesley Russell

Practicing at the YMCA, John Carte swims a few warm-up laps.

Taking a break from their training, Tracy McCarson and Heather Davis enjoy the water.

SWIM TEAM

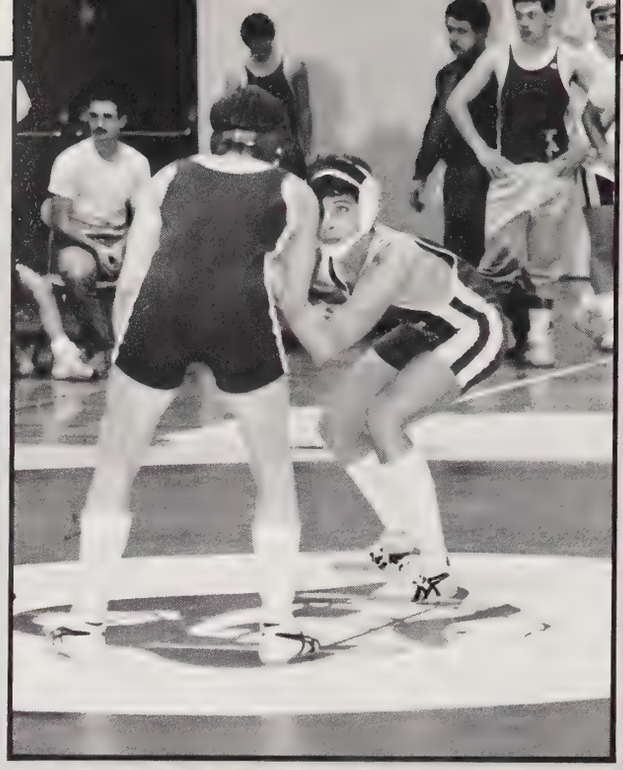
Front Row — Daren Pinkerton, John Carte **Second Row** — Tracy McCarson, Suzanne VanDoren, Heather Davis **Third Row** — John Krzywicki

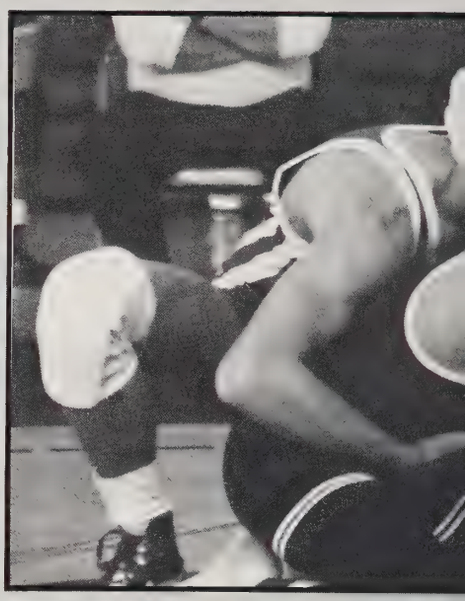
Dive into Fitness

Among the new organized sports at West was the swim team. Never before has West had such a team, and when the idea was introduced, a large number of people expressed their interest.

After days of time trials, the team was finally narrowed down to six members, and most of them had the same reason for participating on the team- for fitness. **Tracy McCarson** stated, "I love it because it keeps me in shape." **Daren Pinkerton** said, "It works on every muscle in the body."

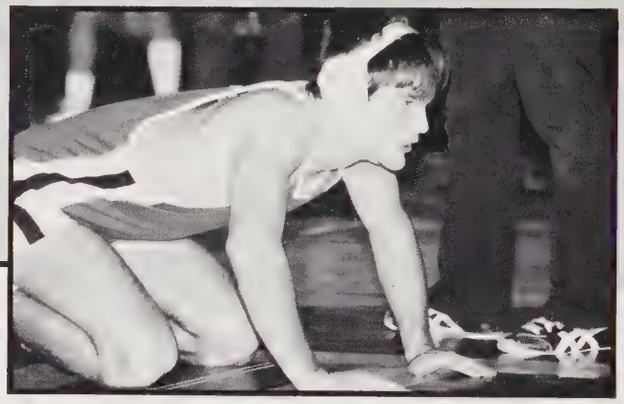
The swim team practiced and competed in meets at the YMCA.





THE BOTTOM LINE

West	Opponent	
29	East	39
60	Edneyville	18
59	Robbinsville	10
30	Erwin	30
57	McDowell	11
30	East	43
42	Mitchell	32
38	Hendersonville	33
30	Brevard	39
50	North Buncombe	18
27	Tuscola	31
24	Brevard	42
58	Owen	5
39	Sylva Webster	27
31	TC Roberson	38



WRESTLING TEAM

Front Row — Edward Plott, Randall Baynard, Tyler Brock, Greg Waitt, Daniel Mace, Linnon McClain, Brian Cartee, Wally Puckett **Second Row** — Brandon Cartee, Rob Atkinson, Joey Edwards, Todd Murphy, Troy Neil, Joe Arbogast, Taylor Sullivan, Jeff Rhodes, stat. Susan Woody **Third Row** — Keith Arbogast, Rick Atkinson, Derek Irving, Eddie Couch, stats. Susan Hendricks and Dawn Garrison, Coach Darrell McDowell

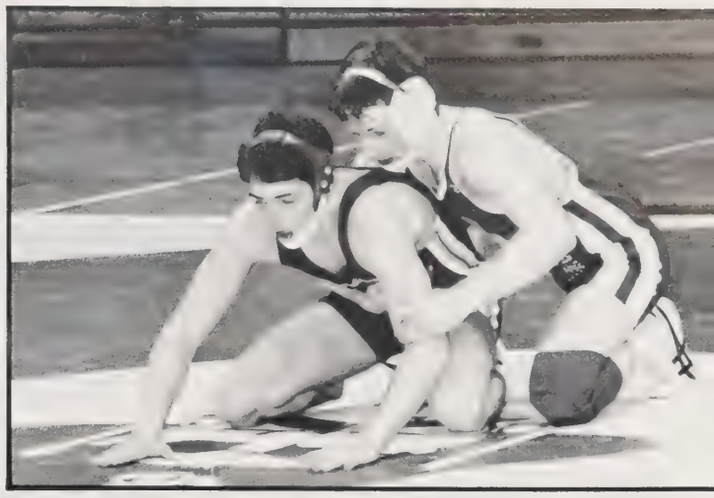
At the beginning of the match, Troy Neil faces his opponent.

On all fours, Taylor Sullivan gets into the starting position.

With much concentration, Brian Cartee awaits the signal to begin the match

During a match, Coach McDowell, Rick Atkinson and Linnon McClain observe the action

Taking hold of his opponent, Greg Waitt gets ready to begin the match



More than a Sport

It takes more than most people have to be a wrestler. It takes a large amount of determination, motivation, ability to work, and a desire to win. The wrestlers became unified because they went through victory as well as disappointment together. The sport taught the wrestlers to depend on themselves. They learned the reality of success and defeat.

Coach Darrell McDowell felt it was worthwhile for young men to have the chance to prepare them to take on other challenges. He stated, "It is rewarding to be able to give to them what I got out of wrestling. Wrestling also teaches the guys that they can work and be successful in anything."

Brian Cartee said, "It's only you and the other guy. It's your fault if you lose, not because someone didn't pitch just right or someone didn't make the pass long enough."

Keeping a firm grip on his opponent, Linnon McClain tries to pin him

Jumping high, Chan Crane and an opposing player fight for control of the ball.

As teammates look on, Jonathan Wise attempts a shot, but is stopped by two opponents.

Holding her beak high, Big Bird converses with North Buncombe's Black Hawk.

Crowd Support

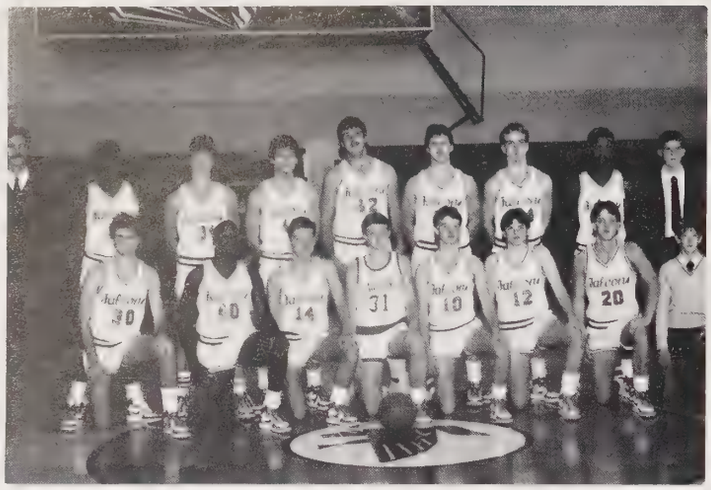
Tension rose in the gym. The game was tied, and it was down to one foul shot. There were only five seconds left on the clock. A hush fell over the crowd as the player prepared to make his shot. He took aim, and SWISH! West had won. But it was not just another victory for the team, it was a victory for all Falcons.

Although this was not an actual game, most players agreed that the crowd helped them a lot. Junior **Brian McMinn** said, "If the crowd is behind us, it lifts us up. It gives us that fighting spirit."

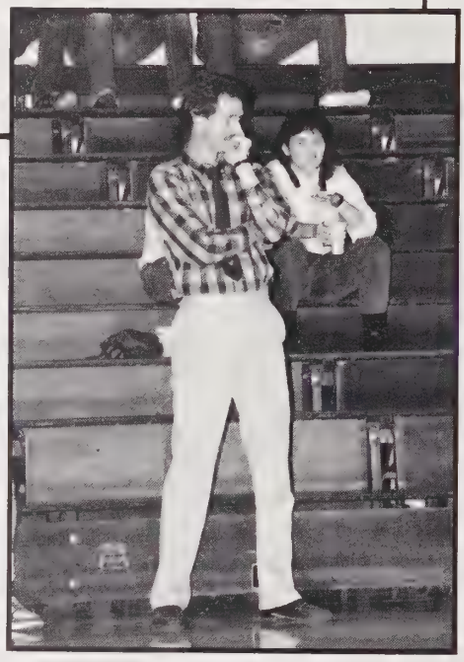
Watching the game closely, team members and spectators hope the Falcon team pulls through.

With Tim Youngblood close behind, Brian McMinn dribbles the ball down court.

VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM



Front Row — Tommy Whitaker, Derrick Lee, Mike Waddell, John Glenn, Jim Foyles, Bo Glenn, Tim Youngblood, Daniel Brown
Second Row — Coach Greg Price, Brian McMinn, Dickie Brock, Johnathan Wise, Chan Crane, Mike Worley, Ross Graham, Keith Washington, Bryan Saxon



With his eyes fixed on the court, Coach Greg Price concentrates on the game.

THE BOTTOM LINE

West		Opponent
50	Tuscola	65
56	East	57
53	Hendersonville	69
64	Edneyville	57
63	North Buncombe	66
67	T.C. Roberson	48
	Christmas Tournament	
57	Edneyville	56
75	Hendersonville	84
67	Franklin	59
50	Owen	90
52	Brevard	57
62	Tuscola	71
61	East	55
63	Hendersonville	83
65	Endeyville	74
59	North Buncombe	78
56	T.C. Roberson	64
63	Franklin	64
49	Pisgah	44
60	Owen	61
58	Brevard	69
	WAC Tournament	
56	Franklin	57
61	T.C. Roberson	68

Blocked by an opponent, Tim Youngblood looks for a teammate to pass the ball to.

During a jump-ball, Chan Crane gains an edge over his opponent.

Cheering for the team, Karen Ricker, Hayley Davis, Tracy Lyda, Juliet Nicholson, and others build a pyramid.

No Lucky Breaks

As with other sports, in order to play basketball you have to have discipline, dedication, and desire. Our Varsity Boys' Basketball team had all three and one more — intensity.

The main reason the team did not have the winning season they hoped for, according to senior **Johnathan Wise,** was, "We were up against a competitive conference." Another reason was the injury of key player, 6'7" senior **Chan Crane,** the starting center. **Coach Greg Price** said, "We had a good team. It took us a lot of time to get going, especially with the loss of Chan, but at mid-season we played two of the best ballgames we have played in two or three years. We reacted really well to the loss of a key player. That speaks well of the team."

The Boys' Varsity Basketball team played hard, but the breaks they got were not the lucky ones.

VARSITY BASKETBALL CHEERLEADERS

Front Row — Hayley Davis, Karen Ricker **Second Row** — Christy Doggett, Julie Huffstetler, Kim Kisner, Tracy Lyda **Back Row** — Sharon Thorsland, Elisha Warren (Big Bird), Juliet Nicholson

Shooting For the Top

"Mentally, they were shooting for the top. Physically, we still had a way to go. We were probably the shortest team in Western North Carolina, and it was hard to rebound real well against taller people," stated **Coach Jan Stanley.**

The biggest rivalry for the Lady Falcons was TC Roberson. **Coach Stanley** said, "They've always been a big rivalry because they've always had a good program."

The Lady Falcons have had a reputation, a reputation for good sportsmanship. Since a strong family unit was stressed constantly, this taught them values they could keep forever. **Angel Austin** said, "It teaches us to stay together as a family. We learn to stick together."

During a time-out, the Varsity Basketball Cheerleaders form a pyramid.

Looking for an open player, Sherry Smith prepares to pass the ball.

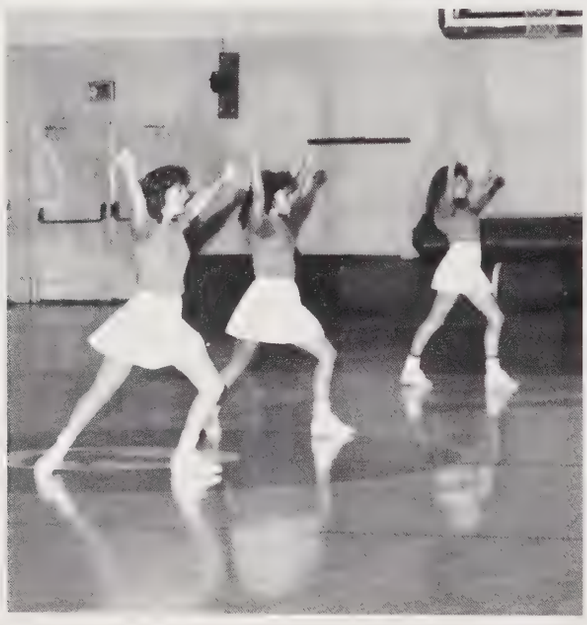
After a foul shot, Holley Shamburger outreaches a Bearcat for the rebound.

Attempting a foul shot Tonia Corn shows real concentration.

Really concentrating, Karen Gruca prepares for a foul shot.

THE BOTTOM LINE

West		Opponent
47	Tuscola	33
56	East	58
49	Hendersonville	58
49	Edneyville	63
49	Pisgah	53
44	TC Roberson	66
	Christmas Tournament	
50	Edneyville	73
60	Hendersonville	52
55	Franklin	60
41	Owen	69
73	Brevard	43
69	Tuscola	74
48	East	61
34	Hendersonville	68
45	Edneyville	56
49	North Buncombe	50
48	TC Roberson	64
52	Franklin	62
49	Pisgah	59
56	Owen	64
63	Brevard	33
	W.A.C. Tournament	
51	North Buncombe	65
54	Brevard	46
50	Pisgah	55



During a time-out, the Varsity Cheerleaders lift the spirit of the crowd.

Looking on from the bench, Jeannie Moore, Coach Jan Stanley, Penny Henderson, and Holley Shamburger watch the game intently.

Reaching up, Holley Sha burger and Sherry Smith for the rebound.

VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

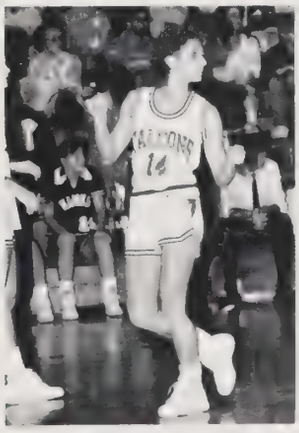
Front Row: Coach Jan Stanley **Second Row:** Melinda Gore, Penny Henderson, Karen Gruca, Tonia Corn, Kathy Rice, Jeannie Moore **Third Row:** Sissy Baker, Angie Meadows, Kelly Johnson, Sherry Smith, Angel Austin, Denise Kohler **Back Row:** Michele Hopkins, Pam Cunningham, Kelly Gilliam, Sherry Moore, Holley Shamburger, Kelly Watkins

Family Ties

Basketball had many rewards for the players. They got to meet new people, compete, grow as a team, and of course, in their senior year, scholarships were available to some.

Another reward the Varsity Girls' Basketball Team had was the closeness of the team.

Looking behind her, Tonia Corn watches North Buncombe bring the ball down court.



Most of the young ladies agreed with **Angie Meadows** when she said, "We were real close, like a family." Although this "family" was lacking somewhat in height, they made up for it in hustle and determination. **Karen Gruca** said, "Everyone works hard and is pretty quick. We always hustled and never gave up."

When asked what she liked best about basketball, Holley Shamburger said, "It's a competitive sport, and I like to compete." But competition was not the only reason for playing. **Karen Gruca** also felt that, "We all enjoyed basketball, and it was nice to be admired, not only as a team but also individually."

This all goes back to the strong family ties that the team had. The team felt that their closeness would continue for years, because "the family that plays together, stays together."

While a free throw is being taken, Penny Henderson rests.

Raising his hand, John Thorsland waits for a pass.

JV BASKETBALL CHEERLEADERS

Marcie Bailey, Phoebe Lawless, Amber Wilkie, Greta Byrd, Angie Deckard, Dyan Zumstein

JV BASKETBALL TEAM

Front Row: Coach Paul Bagwell **Second Row:** Scott Orr, Battle Watkins, Mark Ramsey, Jason Stanley, Greg Fisher, Ted Barnett, John Thorsland, Matt Boelke, Daniel House, Brian Russell, Tim McCarson, Sean Owenby

On the bench, Tim McCarson, Mark Ramsey, Brian Russell, Coach Paul Bagwell, and Greg Fisher watch the game.

With careful aim, Battle Watkins prepares to shoot a foul shot.

THE BOTTOM LINE

West		Opponent
44	Tuscola	46
48	East	46
48	Hendersonville	37
30	Edneyville	26
50	North Buncombe	40
31	Pisgah	37
39	TC Roberson	51
65	Owen	67
35	East	61
57	Hendersonville	54
60	North Buncombe	37
37	TC Roberson	59
49	Owen	41
45	Brevard	53

Exciting Moments

The JV basketball team was not always greeted by a lot of fans when it came time for the game to begin, and those few fans were always in and out. **Tim McCarson** said, "It doesn't bother me; I don't pay attention to them moving around." Many agreed with this statement. They just enjoyed the sport and the chance to compete. **Mark Ramsey** stated, "The best part of basketball is competition." "To be a good basketball player you have to have skill, willingness to play as a team, and a lot of hard work," said **Jason Stanley.**

After a while more and more people slowly filed in; because West's JV team promised exciting moments in every game they played.

By showing her spirit, Greta Byrd cheers the team on.

By running around the track, a group of runners warm up.

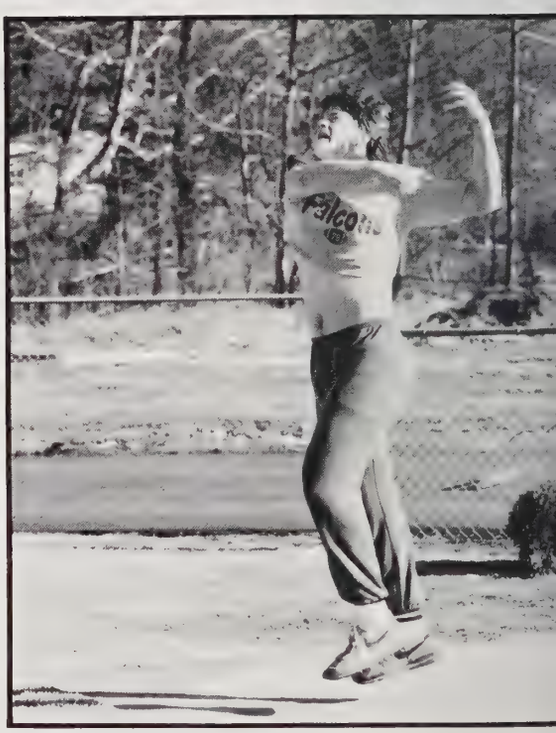
Before track practice, coaches Steve Taylor and Darrell McDowell jog a few laps.

Staying in Shape

Many of the 1987 track team had ulterior motives for running track. Many ran to stay physically fit for other sports next year. **Isaac Pulley** stated, "It helps me keep in shape for football." Others ran for a variety of reasons. **Jason Stanley** commented, "Track improves my speed for football, and it's fun — it's not like any other sport; you're running for yourself and not a team." **Jeff Rhodes** said, "It's a challenge to try to increase your speed, and prove to yourself and your team that you can do it."

Besides keeping in shape, the team enjoyed their individual events. Pole vaulting was definitely the most popular. **Zee Weaver** said, "I'm on the track team because I love to pole vault."

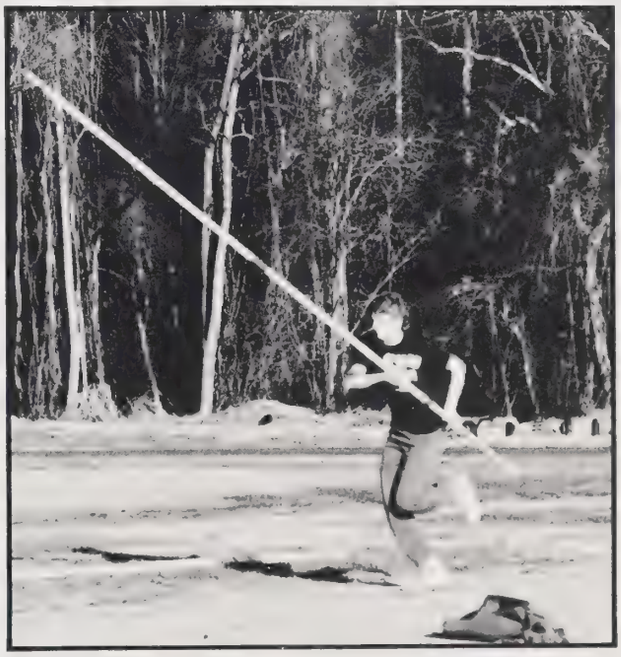
Whatever the reason for running track, as **John Thorsland** stated, "It was a lot of work, but it was worth it."



Jumping off the ground, Doug Couch throws the discus.

TRACK TEAM

Front Row: Jenny Hollingsworth, Susan Woody, Lee Ann Conner, Brad Hutchinson, David Robinson, Phoebe Lawless, Sharon Thorsland, Beth Meckley, Jason Stanley, Cameron Garren, Simon Isanhart **Second Row:** Liz Baity, Scott Wilkinson, John Glenn, Sissy Baker, Tracy McCarson, Kristin Koszarsky, Juliet Nicholson, Holley Shamburger, Troy Neil, Randy Matson, Todd Murphy, John Thorsland **Third Row:** Danielle Welch, Wayland Shamburger, Joe Arbogast, Jeff Rhodes, Chris Orr, Scott Riddle, Paul Abbott, Doug Nesbitt, Aaron Kuykendall, Zee Weaver, Brad Summers, Mike Osteen **Fourth Row:** Isaac Pulley, Eric Bullard, Phillip Gussman, Tommy Entwistle, Cynthia Sweezy, Misty Corn, Doug Couch, Jay Redmond, Jeff Simpson, Eddie Couch, Rodney Bullock



Stretching, Brad Hutchinson leads warm up exercises.

Raising the pole, Paul Abbott prepares to vault.

Coach Robinson squats to have a discussion with Chan Crane.

Before the game, Ricky Austin practices pitching.

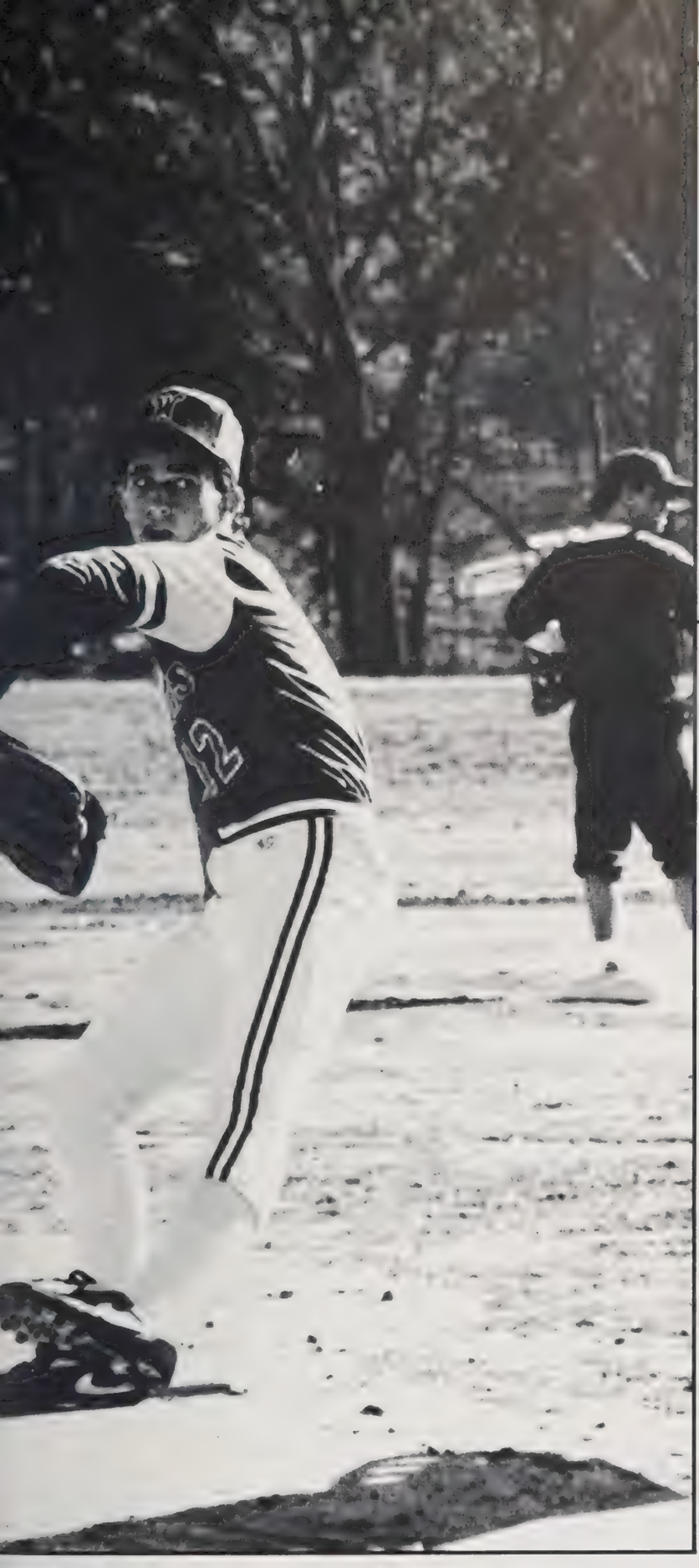
BASEBALL TEAM

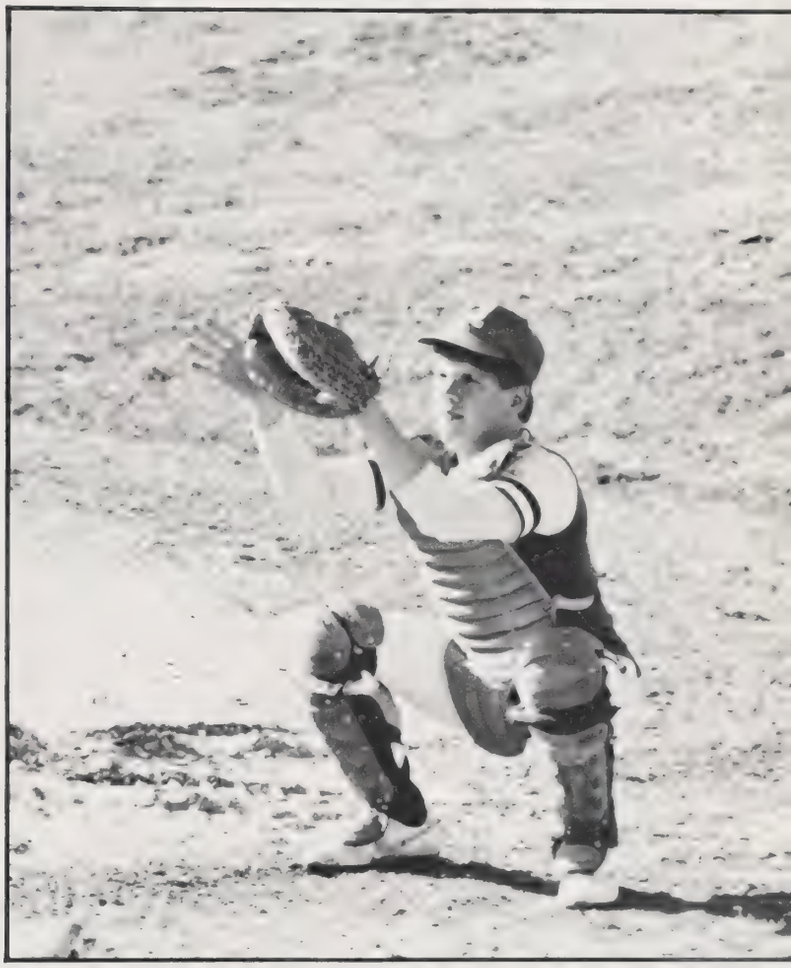
Front Row: Darby Abbott, Haley Davis (statisticians) **Second Row:** Coach Rick Robinson, Brian Russell, Jeff Spanbauer, Chad Barber, Tripp Harris, Mark Ramsey **Third Row:** Paul Whitaker, Todd Johnson, Adam Fox, David Shaffer, Ricky Austin, Terry Anton, Scott Spanbauer, Rick Womack, Patrick Bock, Bo Shelton, Sean Owenby

Batter Up

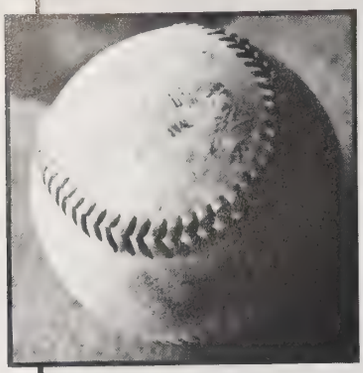
On any afternoon this spring, one could have walked over to the baseball field and seen **Coach Rick Robinson** and the 1987 baseball team practicing their batting, pitching, and catching. Most of the team were "veterans" such as **Todd Johnson** who said, "I enjoy playing baseball because it's fun, and we have a great coach." **Jeff Spanbauer** added, "It's fun, and it's challenging."

Spring and the national pastime of baseball were synonymous at West.





Warming up the pitcher, Tripp Harris prepares to catch the ball.



Tonia Corn stretches to catch a fly ball.

Warming up, Angie Meadows prepares to throw the ball.

Fun and Games

Most of the time when athletes are asked why they play a particular sport they say, "because it's fun." Well, softball was no exception to the rule. Each young lady had her own reason for playing. **Jeanna Sorrells** said, "I like the team spirit; it's fun to be on a team, and it is fun to play." **Charlyne McCall** said, "I like the competition, and it is an energetic sport; you are always moving."

Smiling, Denise Kohler sends the ball back to home.

Rearing back, Shelley Henderson prepares to throw the ball.

SOFTBALL TEAM

Front Row: Jessica Podelski, Michele Hopkins, Tammy Strickland, Kristen Seagle, Shelley Pippin, Jodie Crawford, Angie Meadows, Jeannie Moore, Michele Conard, Charlyne McCall, Coach Frank Watkins **Second Row:** Jeanna Sorrells, Marianna Dockery, Sherri Moore, Greta Byrd, Kristy Shedlebower, Denise Kohler, Kelly Watkins, Landra Absher, Shelley Henderson, Tonia Corn, Kathy Rice, Kellie Johnson

During practice, Kathy Rice practices her batting skills.

Loosening up, Jodie Crawford gets ready for the game.

On the practice green, Battle Watkins practices his putting technique.

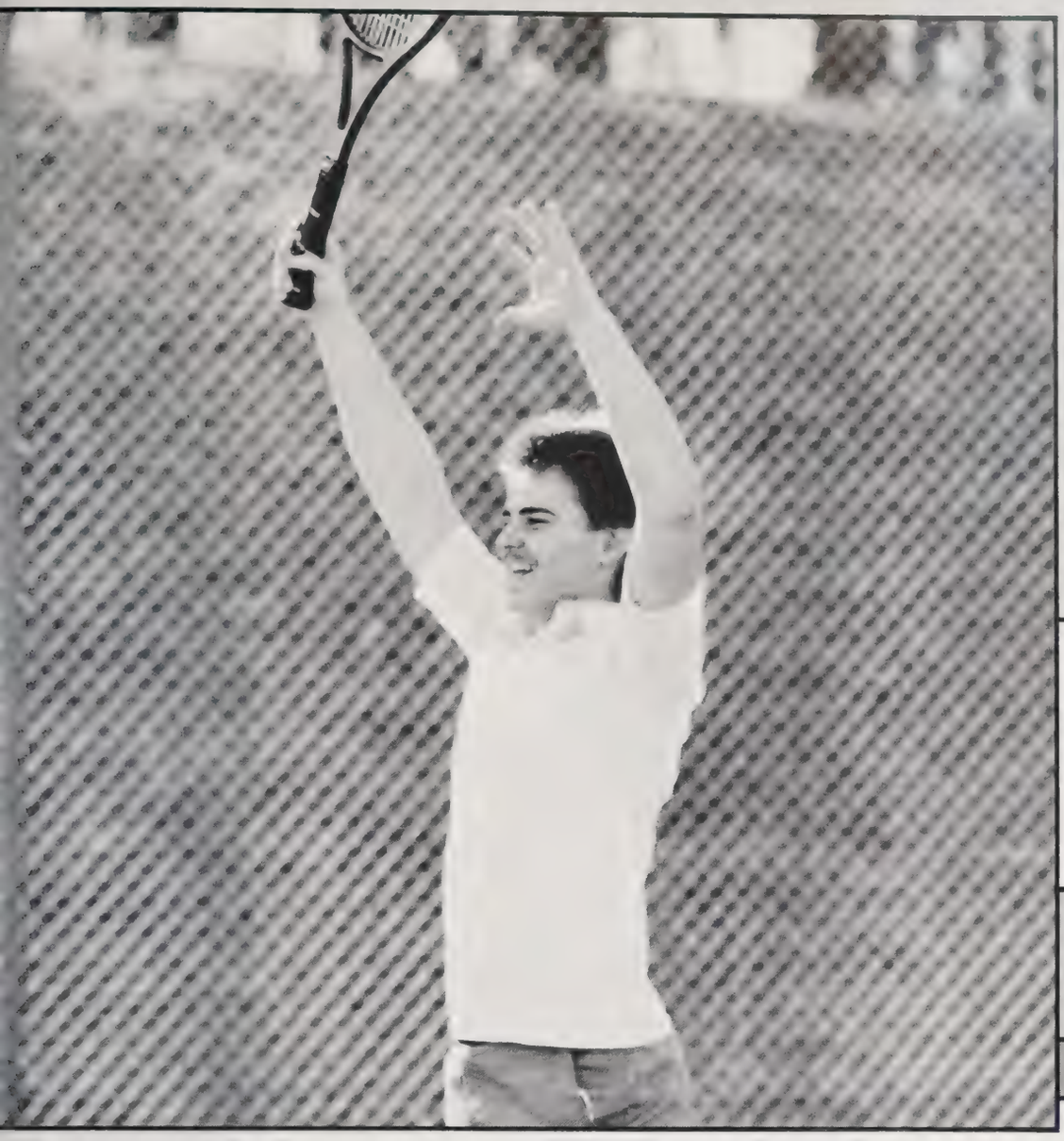
While practicing on the driving range, Sammy Riddle tees off.

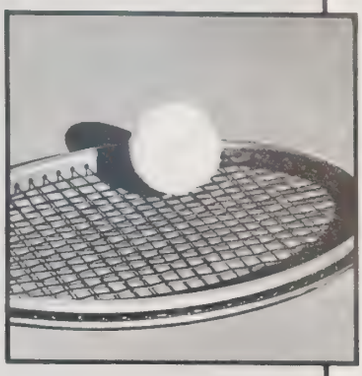
Golf Guess

1. Why do golfers wear plaid pants?
   A. To contrast with the grass.
   B. To make a bold fashion statement.
   C. Undecided
2. What are greens?
   A. Vegetables such as spinach, etc.
   B. A bowl of Jello.
   C. A putting surface.
3. What is a birdie?
   A. A winged animal
   B. A badminton shuttle cock.
   C. A hole made in one less than par.
4. What is a tee?
   A. A letter of the alphabet.
   B. Gadget from which to hit a golf ball.
   C. Something to drink.

GOLF TEAM

Richie Case, Billy Orr, Mark Price, David Morgan, Sammy Riddle, Drew Nickell, Coach Paul Bagwell, Troy Drye, Battle Watkins





After making a good shot, Jeff Smith celebrates.

Throwing the ball in the air, Brian Rayfield attempts a serve.

TENNIS TEAM

Front: Coach Kent Teeter **Second Row:** Andras Teleki, Jeff Smith, Junior Strickland, Barton Jennings **Third Row:** Steve Kilpatrick, Wayne Busch, Mike Adams, Chris Swayngim, Chris Bourke **Not Pictured:** Bryan Zimmerman, Derek Irving, Mark Howard, Brian Rayfield

Tennis Test

1. What is a racquet?
   A. A loud noise made by tennis fans.
   B. Something you hit a tennis ball with.
   C. None of the above.
2. What is "love"?
   A. An emotion
   B. A battlefield
   C. Another term in tennis for zero.
3. What is a match?
   A. A tennis game.
   B. Something used to set the court on fire.
4. What is a court?
   A. Old fashioned term for a date.
   B. Where a criminal is tried.
   C. Surface on which to play tennis.

Active Falcons
get involved in

ORGANIZATIONS

Falcons at West High definitely knew how to have fun whether in school, participating in extracurricular organizations, or around town. The different organizations accomplished much for the school, but even more for the individuals themselves. Being involved in activities was just one of many ways Falcons could show their pride for West High and have fun doing it.

A pow-wow may be in store for new Keywanette members Tracy McCarson and Sally Wilson. These ladies had to dress as Indians for induction into the club

The heartbeat of the Falcons beats through the stands as drummer, Jason Perry and the band practice for another fantastic halftime show.

STUDENT COUNCIL — Front Row: Kathy Rice — Vice President, Danny Case — President, Sissy Baker — Secretary **Second Row:** Jenny Lyda, Edward Plot, Trip Harris, Matt Stewart, Jodie Crawford, Doug Nesbitt, Mary Hardesty, Kim Kisner, Shelley Henderson, Chan Crane, Missy Parker **Third Row:** Karen Gruca, Brian Pressley, Steve Kilpatrick, Jenny Gibson, Zee Weaver, Stephanie Waldrop, Sean Owenby, Lisa Thompson, Bridgett Orren, Lori Saunders **Fourth Row:** Shelley Johnson, Vicki Hinkle, Melissa Teaster, Chris Bourke, Lea Hoxit, Kim Simpson, Christa Hiles, Julie Huffstetler, Jenny Kumor, Karen Ricker, Elisha Warren (**Not Pictured —** Christy Doggett)

PEP CLUB — Front Row: Marcie Bailey, Leigh Gardner, Tammy Brevard, Janet Drake, Amber Wilkie, Holley Shamburger, Michelle Schmid, Angie Barkley, Kim Kisner, Kim Simpson, Kathy Rice, Lisa Thompson, Avrielle McMurray **Second Row:** Dyan Zumstein, Debbie Teaster, Melissa Teaster, Karen Ricker, Kristen Koszarsky — Secretary, Jenny Gibson — Treasurer, Christy Doggett — Vice President, Elisha Warren — President, Kelly Baker, Greta Byrd, Anne Rhodes

Really cookin'

Do you remember the time when the band members threw **Mr. (John) Dickson** down the hill at a tailgate party? How about the time the dance was so hot, your date was dripping sweat down the side of your neck? If so, you must have been involved in one of the many activities sponsored by the Student Council. More students became involved this past year than any other before because school clubs were really cookin'. **Kim Kisner** said, "As a result of the student body's suggestions, functions such as the bonfire, tailgate parties and dances were turned into a reality." The Student Council also supplied a suggestion box, sent out surveys, and kept in touch with students through homerooms to make sure their voices were being heard and ideas put to use. One survey was about a proposed student center in Hendersonville. **Kim** commented, "The survey worked very well. The students were overwhelmingly in favor of the center."

Pep Club also added to new student activities this year. Balloons were ordered boasting, "Falcons Are Awesome", which became a part of the sky at the Homecoming and Brevard football games. They also continued their tradition of selling Falcon buttons, hats, and pom poms.

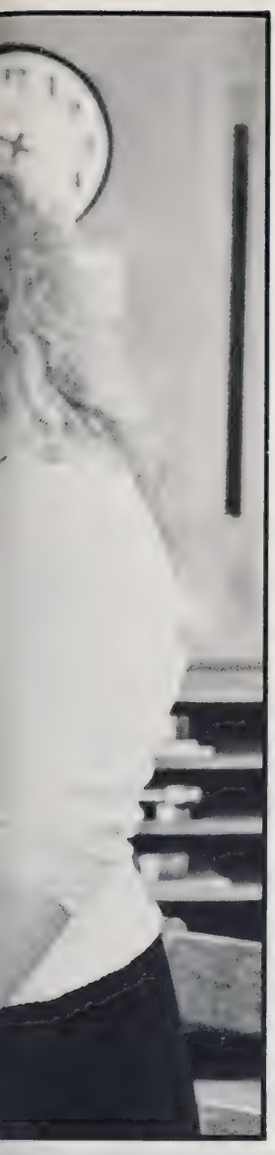
Both clubs worked hard this past year to keep spirit high and students involved.

A weenie roast at a tailgate party is a fun way for Mrs. (Lynn) Moore and Jodie Crawford to spend an afternoon.

Raising money for the Pep Club isn't as hard as new members thought. Kristen Koszarsky and Kelly Baker sell a Falcon button to Carrie Hooper.

Being inducted as the [illegible] of Keywan[illegible] [illegible] Thompso[illegible] [illegible] hand [illegible] officers Trina S[illegible]nz, K[illegible] Wall, and Dr[illegible] Chafter [illegible]an.

Keywanettes: Front Row — Dawn Charters — Secretary, Katie Wall — President, Lisa Thompson — Treasurer, Trina Schleinz — Vice President **Second Row —** Laura Bailey, Dawn Garrison, Marcia Jackson, Stephanie Waldrop, Sally Wilson, Sara Rauch, Janet Drake, Kelly Phillips **Third Row —** Polly Thompson, Amy Dull, Leslie McCoy, Melissa Teaster, Leslie O'Neil, Tracy McCarson, Tammy Trantham, Cheryl Pint, Angie Rutledge, Christine Flecker **Fourth Row —** Nicole Judkins, Julie Pitcher, Rhonda Hill, Susan Hendricks, Christy Doggett



Unselfish Drivers

How many parties have you been to where someone passed out on the couch or floor and no one was in any condition to drive? Did you consider before the party who would take you home or if you would be able to drive yourself home? Concerned for these people, West has a chapter of SADD — Students Against Driving Drunk. Most of the members agreed they were not against drinking and partying, but were only concerned with the lives of their fellow students and friends. **Debra Teaster** felt SADD was an important club to have at West High "because a lot of people drink and drive,and they need to be reminded of how many deaths occur because of this." Some efforts the club made to prevent driving drunk were putting up a bulletin board in V-building and ordering posters to put up around the school.

The group planned to put slips on this subject in the prom invitations. SADD also planned to put a car, which was wrecked in an accident involving a drunk driver, on display at the school. Their hope was that students would remember — Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk!

Another club at West that looked out for the school, and also the community was Keywanettes. With the motto, "Sisters in Service", this group of young ladies devoted their time to decorating at Pardee Hospital, serving refreshments at Open House when parents were able to get a taste of 80's school life, and visiting sick or injured students.

These small clubs with big hearts put their school and community before themselves.

Discussing ways to prevent students from driving drunk, Ms. Phillips talks to SADD member Melissa Teaster.

SADD: Front Row — Ms. (Carolyn) Phillips — Sponsor, Meredith MacKenzie, Kathy Rice — Vice President, Lori Saunders — Secretary, Bridgett Orren — President, Jenny Gibson — Treasurer, Jenny Kumor, Tina Phillips **Second Row —** Jennifer MacKenzie, Katherine Tersinar, Kellie Wirtz, Melissa Teaster, Debra Teaster, Amy Dull, Elisha Warren

Westwind Staff: Front Row — Tammy Sams — co-editor, Kristen Koszarsky, Becky Bringewatt, Kelly Baker, Kim Simpson, Christy Doggett, Elisha Warren **Second Row —** Mrs. Janet Stakias, Dyan Zumstein, Melinda Worley, Tammy Trantham, Kelly Baker, Jenni Bagwell, Angie Barkley, Maria Gulyas — co-editor, Mark Kushigian **Third Row —** Tina Gragg, Jenny Hollingsworth, Amy Dull, Ross Lyons, Rick Allison, Leigh Gardner, Tommy Jones

Wingspan Staff: Front Row — Mark Conner, Phil McCauless, Matt Stewart **Second Row —** Karen Ricker, Karen Wycott, Beth Hudgins, Mrs. Brenda Gorsuch, Darby Abbott, Angie Meadows, Hayley Davis **Third Row —** Karen Hamilton, Tammy Condrey, Beth Meckley, Lee Hoxit, Jenny Kumor, Shelley Henderson **Fourth Row —** Elaine Peters, Josette Thompson, Michelle Sierpiejko, Kristi Garrett, Mike Adams

Quill and Scroll: Front Row — Shelley Henderson, Kim Simpson, Christy Doggett, Hayley Davis, Karen Ricker, Beth Hudgins, Darby Abbott, Kelly Baker **Second Row —** Mrs. Janet Stakias, Tammy Sams, Lea Hoxit, Maria Gulyas, Jenni Bagwell, Mark Kushigian, Mrs. Brenda Gorsuch **Third Row —** Josette Thompson, Tommy Jones, Ross Lyons, Tina Gragg, Kristi Garrett

Tight Deadlines

Have you ever wondered how a yearbook is put together? Or possibly how a newspaper article is researched and written? If not, you probably don't realize how much time is spent producing the *Westwind* and *Wingspan*. Copy block, cropper, and Double Truck are probably unfamiliar terms to you, but not to the members of the journalism staffs. Many a lunch was sacrificed during the year, and if you look closely, you may see that students may have acquired bald spots from frantic afternoons in these classes. Being a member of these two organizations did have some advantages, though. Students who wished to pursue a career in journalism could benefit from the opportunities to learn offered in newspaper or yearbook class. Those who had creative imaginations could express their thoughts. **Maria Gulyas** felt that, "being co-editor of the yearbook staff has helped me in my writing of major English papers." She added, "I have always gotten along well with people, but being on staff has helped me work with them better." **Lea Hoxit**, editor of the *Wingspan* said, "I plan on going to the University of Georgia and hopefully major in magazine journalism, and I doubt seriously I would have ever chosen this career without having been on newspaper staff for three years."

Members of these two staffs also had the opportunity to qualify for membership in Quill & Scroll. This is a national society of students who have either been on newspaper or yearbook staff for two years and are in the upper one-third of their class.

Compiling a survey is one of many tasks expected of newspaper staff members such as **Shelley Henderson.**

Chess Club: Front Row — Jeff Trussell, Chris Moore, Brian Ritchie, Robert Pryor **Back Row** — John Swanay, Mark Bottjer, William Angel — President, Amy Bradley — Secretary, Andras Teleki — Vice President

Concentrating on his next move, Robert Pryor prepares for a checkmate and thinks over his strategy.

Challenging lubs

Have you ever had fill out a nine page pplication to be in a ub? Or possibly ess up like a jellyfish s part of initiation into e swim club? Maybe ou should consider e chess club. The nly requirements are be interested in the me and be willing to ay it. The club met nce a week and had a nning tournament to minate the competi- n and see who really ew the best moves. on't let this scare u, though, because l of the members ere given a chance to ow their expertise and just have a little fun. Mark Bottjer felt the old-timers, "can help those who don't know how to play very well."

Another club at West High that learned but had fun at the same time was the French Club. The only requirement was to have an understanding of the French language. This knowledge might have done members some good considering the entire meeting was spoken in French. **Taffy Waldrop** is quoted as saying, "We speak in French the whole time and guess at what people are saying." **Taffy** was one of the song leaders and also participated in consuming the French "goodies" brought to the meetings as a small snack.

Madame (Linda) Klein felt the French Club gave the members a chance to use French in a different situation from class.

Both of these small but active clubs challenged students and possibly gave them a little "extra knowledge" to use in or out of school.

nch Club: Front Row — Russ Williams — President, Shannon Smith **Back Row —** Leigh Gardner, i Saunders, Vicki Hinkle — Secretary, Amy Bradley, Tammy Condrey, Shelley Henderson — Vice sident, Madame Klein — Sponsor

Parlez-vous Francais? French club members Russ Williams and Lori Saunders do, along with learning more about the French people and culture.

Stage right

Have you ever dreamed of being a movie star? Many of us would love to be famous actors or actresses, but just don't feel that we have the talent to make it. A few students may have what it takes and started by being in productions at West High — *Winnie the Pooh, Tom Sawyer, Our Town,* and many more. Most of these students were also part of two drama related clubs, Actor's Ink and Thespians. These two clubs spent their time making props, memorizing scripts, and designing costumes. They took drama seriously and gave 100% every production. To pay for all of the expenses, the clubs used money sent to them from other schools in appreciation for performances given for their students, or by hard work. **Jenny Kumor** said, "We performed to benefit other schools and for our enjoyment." **Rob Dixon,** a member of the Thespians, felt children's plays were the most fun to produce because "children can make a terrible audience, and if you can win them over, you really have something good."

Possibly this experience will ease the "stage fright" and lead one of these performers to a life of stardom.

A frightful evening may be in store for Actor's Ink members Melinda Gilliam, John Kryzwicki, Jeff Trussell, and Chris Moore at one of the club-sponsored dances.

"Bearing" the jitters of a first time performance, Jennifer Boone plays the part of Pooh Bear, Daren Pinkerton, the adorable Eeyore, and the wise owl is Nick Ronnigen.

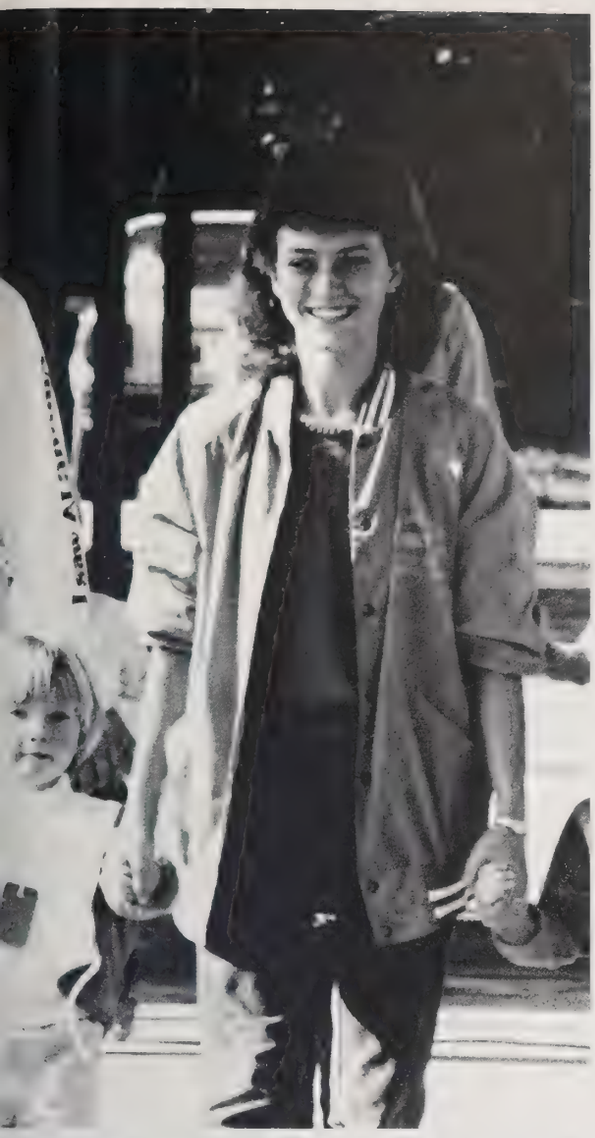
Thespians: Front Row — Mr. Luther Jones, Ms. Johanna Erlenbach — Sponsors **Second Row** Tonia Brock — President, Tammy Trantham — Vice President, Rebecca Bringewatt — Secre Daren Pinkerton **Third Row —** Kristin Gussman — Treasurer, John Cunningham, Sammy Case, Je Kumor — Historian **Back Row —** Barry Martin, Rob Dixon

Acting isn't always glamour and fun. Scenery has to be made for a production and Daren Pinkerton finds Owl's tree isn't as easy as he thought.

tor's Ink: Front Row — Kristin Gussman, Tonia Brock, Daren Pinkerton, Phoebe Lawless, Craig Fisher, nine Juhase, Melissa Wilson **Second Row —** Tony Brock, Rob Dixon, Jenny Kumor, Rebecca Bringewatt, mmy Case, Tammy Trantham, Marie Rogers, Yani Clement, Elisa Murray, Chris Moore **Third Row —** Jeff own, Barry Martin, Elaine Peters **Fourth Row —** John Cunningham, Carol Chisholm, Jennifer Boone, Angie cClung, Nick Ronnigen, Shannon Perry — President, Jeff Trussell, Melinda Gilliam, Karen Wycoff — Vice esident **Back Row —** Mr. Luther Jones, Ms. Johanna Erlenbach — Sponsors

FHA — Front Row — Holly Hudson, Lisa McCall, Audra Morgan, Lisa Lemmons **Second Row —** Sonya Gentry, Deanna Burnett, Cynthia Corn, Kandy Cunningham, Latonya Featherstone — Parliamentarian, Anna Brittain **Third Row —** Stacie Miller, Katherine Tersinar, Heather Barger, Dawn Gosnell, Caroline Livingston, Melinda Harris, Tammy Cook — Treasurer, Jenny Watkins, Hope Fowler **Back Row —** Patricia Fayard — President, Susan Stone, Sonya Worley — Vice President, Denise Casteel — Secretary, Cindy Stewart, Tisa Gentle — Reporter, Toni Bowen — Refreshment Leader

HERO: Front Row — Stephanie Cook — Reporter, Tom Hoyt, Kim Beaver, Pa Cox, Kelly Hickey, Briana Brown, Jennifer Case **Second Row —** Charmon Brake Avrielle McMurray, Becky Lott **Third Row —** Melanie Brown, Marilyn Morrison, Jus Neal, Jennifer Ashby — Secretary, Angela Cantrell — Historian, Christopher B Jimi Murphy — President, Lisa Brown — Parliamentarian, Jacob Kelly, Lau Harrison, Jonathan Lookadoo **Back Row —** Jill McMinn, Tricia Israel — Cou President, Melanie Guice



Good Experience

Have you ever spent an entire period playing with three to five year olds? How about struggling for an hour to get one shirt sewn together? For most FHA and HERO members, this was an average day's work. The Future Homemakers of America did more than sew, though. The club sponsored a needy family at Christmas and bought them Christmas dinner. They also had a Christmas party for the Mills River Resource Class.

HERO, or Home Economics Related Occupations, is another organization that works with home related activities. This club took care of the children in the day care center at West. The center was set up for working teachers or parents. Many of the members planned to use this experience in the future, whether in a day care center or in their own homes. **Becky Lott** planned, "to use the knowledge I learned in HERO because I want children, and I think these skills will help me." The club also helped the community by giving furniture and clothes to needy families.

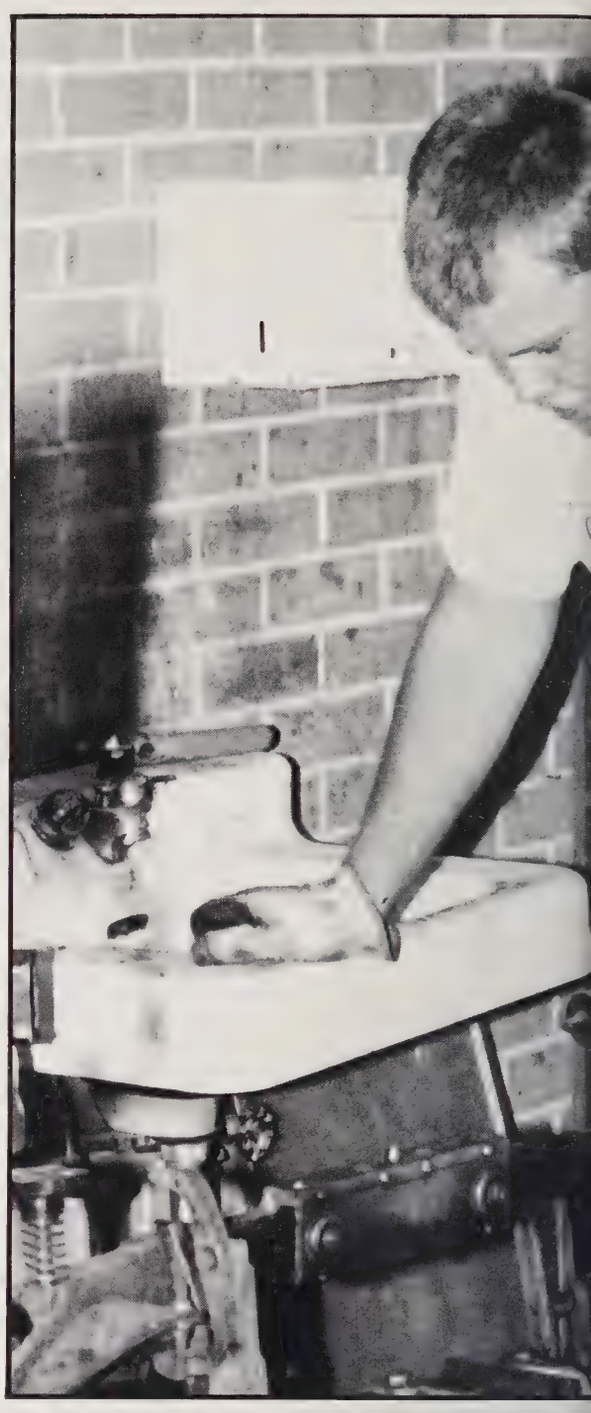
From cooking a gourmet dinner and sewing on a button to learning how to change a diaper, the students in HERO and FHA were learning the basic, but necessary skills, to maintain a home.

With children in hand, Cindy Maxwell, Paula Lietke, and Angela Cantrell spend a sunny morning with Kelly Hendrix, Brandon Allison, Jennifer Case, Jacob Kelly and their buddies.

The joy of cooking isn't necessarily in the preparing of delicious dishes, but also in the tasting of them! Denise Castell and Sonya Worley can't seem to resist the aroma of food at the FHA luncheon.

A little help from Mrs (Diane) Ketchie is all Hope Fowler needs to learn the necessary skills of fine cooking

Health Occupation Students of America: Front Row — Cindy Mathis, Jackie Michaels — Treasurer, Melinda Worley — President, Lori Gaillard, Stephanie Cook, Jeannie Moore, Jodie Harris, Tina Phillips **Second Row —** Samantha Wilkerson, Nicole Turnbow, Dawn Garrison, Lori Robidoux, Deanna Beecher, Dawn Miller, Melanie Guice, Kelly Dotson **Back Row —** Shana Arrowood — Parliamentarian, Tina Wiggins, Angela Crisp, Tracy Brown, Kathryn Tersinar — Reporter, Tina Duensing, Wanda Cantrell, Carla Brown, Maria Reale, Tracy Powell, Marie Brittain — Vice President, Mrs. Becky Varnadore — Sponsor



A little help from "Sarge" (Mr. Joe Laughter), is all Sammy Ball needs to complete a project in the shop.

Future Business Leaders of America: Front Row — Kelly Watkins, Kim Moffit, Tonya Barnwell, Vicki Bell, Susan Rhodes — President, Cindy Brady, Tammy Bryson — Parliamentarian, Rhonda Evans **Second Row —** Mrs. Linda Graham — Sponsor, Missy Parker — Vice President, Stephanie Hershberger, Teresa Plemmons — Reporter, Carolyn Livingston, Vicki Molton, Becky McCraw, Kim McKinney — Secretary, Michelle Morgan, Heather Yardley

HOSA president, Melinda Worley, presents to Adam Fox a check for $200 which was raised at a dance sponsored by the club.

Future Plans

Members of FBLA, FFA, and HOSA spent much of their time involved in vocational organizations to help them learn more about careers they might enter after high school.

FBLA, or Future Business Leaders of America, is an organization that "prepared us for the business world by bridging the gap between school and the world of work," stated **Kim McKinney.** FBLA worked hard to learn leadership and business skills that would help them in future years. They were responsible for making a Christmas float for the parade, delivering Christmas cards, and giving a fruit basket to a needy family.

FFA, or Future Farmers of America, is also an organization that helped students learn about a career in agriculture or farming. They spent time at cattle and soil judgings and landscapings to help increase their knowledge of the environment. **Cameron Garren** said, "I want to learn more about horticulture, and FFA gives me an opportunity to do that."

While FBLA and FFA members were preparing themselves for future occupations, HOSA or Health Occupation Students of America were busy, too. HOSA's main purpose was to familiarize students with health occupations. **Melinda Worley** said, "I hope to go to medical school, and I feel my experiences in HOSA have helped me understand the basis of the medical world." HOSA members took blood pressure checks at the mall, visited retirement centers, and most important, helped raise money for a child with a brain tumor. The club sponsored a dance after the West vs. Hendersonville basketball game to raise money for **Adam Cox,** a seven year old boy stricken with a brain tumor. HOSA presented **Adam** with $200 to help him and the North Carolina Children's Center with expenses.

Working in the shop and studying agriculture are two of many ways Todd Johnson prepares himself for a future in farming.

Making a poster for FBLA, Vicki Bell and Theresa Plemmons hope to attract new members.

ture Farmers of America: Front Row — Scott Revis — President, Cameron Greene — e President, Toni Bowen — Secretary, Greg Hyder, Tony Corn **Second Row** — Mr. Joe ughter — Sponsor, Dennis Cutshaw, Mike Bruce, Allen Whitaker, Mickey Wright

Celebrating the Christmas spirit with friends, FCA and the chorus join together for a program before the holidays.

Members of FCA join hands with friends and teachers to pray.

Leading an FCA meeting is rewarding for Alisha Warren and Jenny Gibson.

Joining together

West Henderson High School could definitely be classified as a school with helpful organizations. Two of these this year have been FCA and Interact. They have used their caring hearts to help meet the needs of others.

FCA, or Fellowship of Christian Athletes, was an organization for anyone, not only athletes, who wanted to come together to worship and to have fellowship with other students. To member **Elisha Warren,** "FCA makes the day go by a lot better. It gives me the peace of mind and disposition I need to face the day." FCA gave many members the strength they needed to stand up for what they believed was right in their hearts. This club was responsible for the Christmas program presented for the student body, collecting old and new blankets to give to many needy families, and giving their help and services to the community in various areas.

Interact also served the community on national and international levels. The Interact group of West has been sponsored by the Rotary Club of Asheville. This civic organization has supported community projects with the involvement of Interact members. **Tammy Condrey** said, "We did this in order to get international understanding between countries."

Fellowship of Christian Athletes: Front Row — Danielle Welch, Lori Saunders, Kim Kisner — Vice President, Kathy Rice, Jenny Gibson — Treasurer **Second Row** — Sherri Moore, Sean Owenby, Debbie Wells, Denise Kohler, Eddie Couch, Zee Weaver, Doug Searcy, Jeff Roberts **Third Row** — Marianna Dockery, Battle Watkins, Chris Bourke, Bryan Saxon, Penny Henderson, David Lancaster, Coach Steve Taylor **Not pictured** — Elisha Warren — Secretary, Angie Barkley, Sherry Smith, Daniel Mace

Interact — Front Row: Mr. Hugh Perry — Rotary sponsor, Ms. Johanna Erlenbach **Second Row:** Kim Erickson, Nicole Judkins, Kellie Wirtz — Secretary, Daren Pinkerton, Elizabeth Riddle, Yani Clement, Marie Rogers — Treasurer **Back Row:** Jennifer Boone, Tammy Condrey, Vanessa Higgins — Vice President, Rob Dixon — President

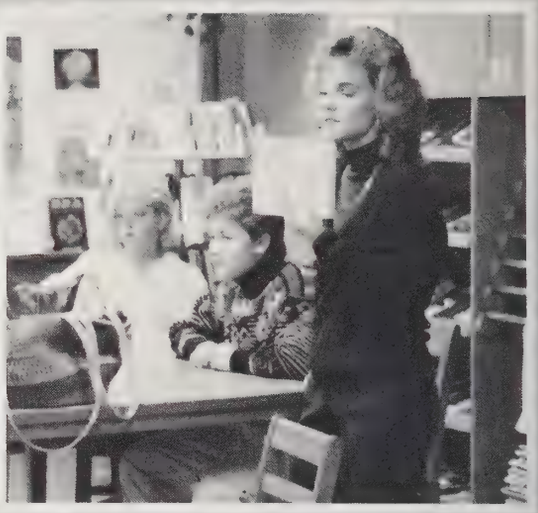
Discussing business at an Interact meeting, Jennifer Boone, Kim Erickson, Vanessa Higgins, and Tammy Condrey work on details for their next project

Student Leaders

Have you ever tried to be an example for your fellow students? For NHS and Inter-Club members, every day presented opportunities to show themselves to be well-rounded and respected students.

NHS required more than just a high grade-point average for acceptance. As **Karen Ricker** put it, "It honors students that are academically gifted and participate beyond the call of duty." NHS repainted the Falcon and tracks at the top of the hill, participated in "Operation Santa Claus," and sold gift wrap.

Inter-Club was rewarded with prestigious members. This organization was made up of representatives from each club in the school. **Tammy Condrey** said, "The purpose of Inter-Club is to meet with every leader of all the clubs to find out what activities they are involved in." Inter-Club was responsible for raising the flag every day and meeting other needs of the school.



Waking up for a morning meeting can be difficult. NHS president Karen Ricker finds leading such a meeting can be an eye opener.

National Honor Society: Front Row — Lori Saunders — Treasurer, Karen Ricker — President, Christi Crocker — Vice President, Lea Hoxit — Secretary, Ms. Carolyn Phillips — Sponsor **Second Row** — Angie Barkley, Danny Case, Jenni Bagwell, Sharon Thorsland, Sherry Smith, Josette Thompson, Susan Thorsland, Vicki Hinkle, Jennifer Mackenzie, Tammy Condrey, Becky Bringewatt, Karen Gruca, Tammy Sams, Mark Kushigian, Liz Baity **Third Row** — Mark Conner, Doug Searcy, John Glenn, Arnie Sheldon, Ross Lyons, Kristy Garrett **Back Row** — Jodi Crawford, Tommy Jones, Vicki Bush, Ron Stanley, Kelly Dotson

Inter-Club: Front Row — Jackie Michaels, Leslie McCoy, Lori Saunders, Karen Ricker, Lisa Thompson **Back Row** — Mrs. Mary Gasaway — Sponsor, BJ Lanning, Amy Bradley, Tammy Condrey

Representing their clubs, Leslie McCoy and Jackie Michaels attend an Inter-Club meeting.

Newly inducted NHS members Amy Bradley and Tammy Condrey enjoy a reception in the library

Mentor teachers such as Carolyn Phillips give of themselves to sponsor a student, Tammy Sams

Talented Musicians

Nearly one-third of the students at West are involved in some part of the music curriculum — band, jazz band, beginners' and adv. chorus and strings.

Jenny Gibson said, "I enjoyed advanced chorus because I like singing in a group and learning new songs." The advanced chorus performed at Rugby Jr. High, rest homes, sang in the mall, and also for our student body.

The stage band, also known as the jazz band, played more for the community than for the school performing at Carolina Village and the Blue Ridge Mall. This was quite different from playing for fans at West High football games. **Phil Smith** said, "Stage band is a lot more fun and less formal than band." Tunes such as "Rock Man," "Groove Maker," and "New Magic" were among the new songs the jazz band learned this year.

The strings group enjoyed performing for the Hendersonville Women's Club and the Garden Club of Fletcher. **Michele Pipkins,** a violinist, said, "I haven't decided if I'm going into music or not, but I will probably use it to play in ensembles." She also added, "It's challenging to pick up a piece and try to learn it in a week."

Under the direction of Mr. Dickson, the jazz ensemble entertains the shoppers at the Blue Ridge Mall.

Strings: Front Row — Shannon Marlow, Stephanie Brown, Jennifer Boone **Second Row** — Ms. Gail Drew — instructor, Maria Gosnell, Lynn Norton, Nicole Judkins **Third Row** — Janine Juhasz, Tina Duensing, Miranda Wyatt **Back Row** — Joe Arbogast, Greg Linsey, Kelly Baker, Jennifer MacKenzie, Michele Pipkins

Advanced Chorus: Front Row — Jonathan Sitton, accompanist **Second Row** — Dani Pinard, Greta Byrd, Taffy Waldrop, Keri Youngblood, [illegible] Wilson, Tammy Strickland, Jenny Gibson, Jennifer Davis, Juliet Nicho[illegible] Tracy Lyda, Holley Shamburger **Third Row** — Shelley Sizemore, Ste[illegible] McCastelin, Katie Wall, Jill McMinn, Stephanie Wimmer, Shana Ba[illegible] Donna Harris, Wayland Shamburger, Scott Wilkinson, Tim Youngblood **Fourth Row** — Mandy Griffin, Brooke Cole, Diana Kisselburg, Shana Arrowood, John Cunningham, Tim Justice, Jackie Podelski, Beth Brewer, Gina McMinn, Larry Miller **Back Row** — Todd Younger, Trent Younger, Derek Nelsen, Phillip Gussman, Thomas Raines, Wally Puckett, Todd Murphy, Tony Corn

Harmonizing together at a performance, advanced chorus singers work as a team to make a beautiful sound.

Concentrating on every note, Maria Gosnell uses her talents as a violinist to aid the performance of the string ensemble.

Jazz Band: Front Row — Angie Hamilton, Shawn Thompson, Jason Perry, Brigett Orren, Russ Williams, Anne Rhodes, Chris Ledford **Second Row** — Phil Smith, Jonathan Sitton, Jeff Rhodes, Jeff Ballard, Keith Deese, Karen Tate, Susan Kelner, Brian Ritchie **Third Row** — Julie Pitcher, Lori Saunders, Chris English, Kathy Rice, Lisa Thompson, Melissa [illegible], Chris Phillips, Laura Jackson, John Cunningham

Different beat

"Is that **Mr. Dickson?**" What's he like? "These questions were heard echoing in the bandroom as the first day of summer practice began. The new band director was a lot different from what most of the Falcon band members were used to. **Shelley Sizemore** said, **"Mr. John Dickson** is a wonderful director, but also as a person his unique qualities stand out." **Julie Pitcher** agreed. "In my opinion, **Mr. Dickson** is the best band director we could ask for." His sense of humor was an asset to the band, and his sincerity taught them what they needed to know. The band worked hard under his leadership over the summer and every afternoon during football season. They prepared themselves for strict competitions and half-time shows at the games. The first competition was on September 27 in Enka. The band competed in Division III A against five other schools. They received a Division II overall rating and a second place inspection trophy. The last competition was on October 15, at Pisgah. The band received an Excellen rating overall, and th Percussion section r ceived first place ove all.

The Falcon March ing band did more tha just compete. Ever Friday night, they dazzled the footba fans. For the Hallow een game the dressed in a wide variety of costume The band was als available and willing t entertain the studen at Tailgate Parties an Pep Rallies.

The marching se son ended along wi the football seaso but as **Russ William** put it, "I'm going t miss the band, and wish them the ve best of luck next yea

Decorating a truck for t Falcon caravan, Lo Saunders and Kathy Ri find balloons and streame a helpful addition.

Keeping an eye on the director helps band members Angie Hamilton, Todd Edwards, Laura Jackson, and Eddie Hershberger keep the beat.

The newest addition to the band, director Mr. John Dickson, introduces the band at a concert.

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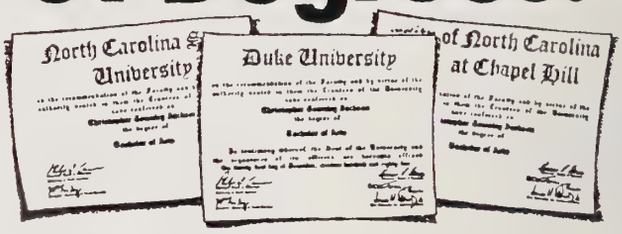

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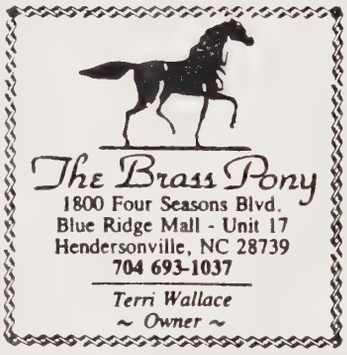

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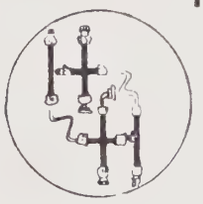

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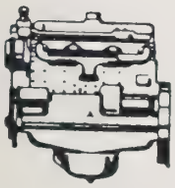

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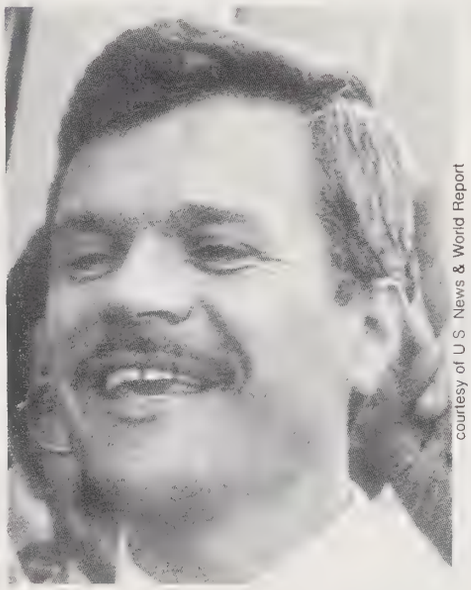
In retaliation for the arrest by the U.S. of **Gennadi Zakharov,** a Soviet spy, the U.S.S.R. arrested and held for thirty-one days **Nicholas Daniloff,** a reporter for *U.S. News and World Report,* who was assigned to Moscow.



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Returning home to the U.S.S.R., Gennadi Zakarhov, U.S.-arrested Soviet spy, smiles at reporters.

American reporter Nicholas Daniloff received yellow roses from his family as a welcome home.

Soviet dissident Antol Shchransky is released at the Berlin Crossing after being in exile.

courtesy of Life

A Holy War

Muammar Qadhafi, fanatical believer in Islam felt it his duty to rid the world of those who did not believe. In order to achieve his goal, Qadhafi financed terrorist groups to perform acts of terrorism all over the world. Qadhafi was suspected to have been behind the bombing of a West German night club which killed several U.S. servicemen. This resulted in an air attack by U.S. planes on Qadhafi's Libyan home and headquarters.

Mocking the United States' attempts at retaliation, Muammar Qadhafi smiles confidently at the press.

courtesy of U.S. News & World Report

Hostage Negotiator

courtesy of Life

Anglican envoy Terry Waite negotiates the release of Beirut hostage David Jacobsen before mysteriously disappearing himself.

Headlines

Iceland Summit

The fall of 1986 was filled with many important events. The big talk of the fall was about the Iceland Summit where the leaders of the two super powers met to discuss arms control. The Iceland Summit, like the meeting between the two leaders in Geneva did not result in any major agreements. Yet it was another step in the world's attempt to reach a peace agreement.

courtesy of Life

Super Power leaders Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev meet in Iceland to talk about arms control.

Earthquake

Even though all countries had their own problems, they never failed to offer a helping hand to a country who had a stroke of bad luck. This was proved when Mexico City was struck by an earthquake which registered over eight on the Richter scale. The National University of Mexico used instruments which showed that the ground under Mexico City slid five to eight inches at least twelve times in a period of a little more than thirty seconds.

International Relief efforts, a combination of nations giving their donations of food, money, volunteers, medicine, clothing, and other supplies, were a big help to the reconstruction of the city. Although it will take several months and maybe years to completely restore the city, the world will be there to lend a helping hand.

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One of the lucky survivors of the earthquake that hit Mexico City, is this newborn baby.

Highlights

U.S. President Ronald Reagan and France's president Francois Mitterand both experience trouble in their offices.

Not only was President Reagan's administration embarrassed by the Iran-Contra affair, but France's President Francois Mitterrand also had his share of tough times. The sinking, reportedly by the French, of the "Rainbow Warrior" in the harbor of Aukland, New Zealand, on July 10, 1986, was labeled as "a sordid act of international, state-back terrorism."

Both presidents suffered damage to their public images and sought to restore confidence in their leadership.

photo courtesy of Time

Voyager Success

On December 23, 1986, after nine days, three minutes and 14 seconds, the experimental plane Voyager ended its 25,012 mile journey around the world. With only a few problems, Voyager broke three records and set a new one for the first nonstop flight around the world. **Jeana Yeager** and **Dick Rutan,** pilots of Voyager, and **Burt Rutan,** Voyager's designer, were presented with the Presidential Citizens Award. Voyager may be placed in the Smithsonian Institution to rest alongside other famous aircraft such as the Spirit of St. Louis and the Mercury space capsule.

Voyager returns from its maiden journey around the world, as many await its return at Edwards Air Force Base.

VIETNAM

With the release of the movie *Platoon,* attention was once again focused on our involvement in Vietnam during the 1960's and 1970's. Many veterans, after seeing the movie, claimed that it was more realistic than its recent predecessor Rambo and other films portraying the war.

Constantly on the lookout for the enemy, American troops cross a river in Vietnam.

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Iran-Contra Affair

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The Iran-Contra affair, said to be the biggest scandal to face the White House since Watergate, involved the selling of American-made arms to Iran as part of an unsteady scheme to free U.S. hostages in Lebanon. Money from the sales was reported to have been used to aid Contras in Nicaragua. **John Poindexter** and Aide **Oliver North** pleaded the 5th Amendment during early questioning, as **President Reagan** stressed getting all the facts out as quickly as possible.

President Ronald Reagan faces tough questions concerning the Iran-Contra affair after delivering a speech to Congress.

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Retiring House Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neil, unveils a portrait of himself left behind to "keep an eye on" Capitol Hill."

photo courtesy of Time

Former news anchorwoman Maria Shriver, 30, and actor Arnold Schwartzenegger, 38, became one of the couples making marriage headlines this year.

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Mrs. Nancy Reagan gets the President's support in the anti-drug campaign she spearheads.

Just Say "NO"

The President and the First Lady began a crusade to rid America of its drug abuse problem. 'JUST SAY NO' became the slogan of the nationwide drug awareness program. Congress also dealt with legislation to help improve the drug education program.

Britain's Prince Andrew marries Sarah Fergusen in Westminster Abbey.

photo courtesy of Life Magazine

The Statue of Liberty glows in the spotlight of attention at her combination centennial refurbishing party.

Lady Liberty

For the past one hundred years Miss Liberty has been a part of the United States. During 1986 massive cracks and deterioration of her inner structure, which had become hazardous to anyone who climbed her steep stairs, were repaired. This restoration led to a spectacular centennial celebration in July. The celebration was witnessed by 30,000 pleasure boats, historic sailing ships, and an international naval review led by the battleship Iowa. Everyone marveled as the statue came alive in the sudden glare of floodlights.

photo courtesy of Life Mag

Helping Hands

Twenty-five million Americans joined hands across the U.S. to raise money for the nation's hungry.

Cary Grant

photo courtesy of Life Mag

Actor **Cary Grant** died at the age of 82. He was best know for his role in *To Catch a Thief.*

photo courtesy of Life Mag

One of the biggest fads of the year was small signs in the shape of road signs placed in the back windows of cars. At first everyone wanted to have one; then people discovered they could cause hazardous blind spots. Because of this, the fad slowed somewhat.

America's Heroes

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The hero we loved in all our "Rocky" movies was back with *Firtst Blood Part II* and *Cobra*. Once again **Sylvester Stalone** put us on the edge of our seats with action-packed thrillers making him our hero once again.

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A newcomer to the movie scene this past year was **Tom Cruise** who became the hottest item on the screen. He starred in one of the biggest hits of the year, *Top Gun* and *The Color of Money.*

U.S. Wins Back Cup

This year, the Kookaburra II and the Stars and Stripes faced each other on an open-sea race course once again. They were fighting for the America's Cup. After four consecutive successful races out of seven, the Stars and Stripes' crew returned triumphant. Once again the prized cup is in our possession.

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Denver vs. New York or Jersey

The Giants won the Super Bowl over Denver, but no one is sure about what to call them. Their official name is the New York Giants, but since they play in New Jersey, some people insist on calling them the New Jersey Giants.

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Max Headroom

After the battle of new vs. classic cooled, Coke's new gimmick was **Max Headroom,** actually 28 year old **Matt Frewer** whose voice and heavily made-up face were distorted by post-production special effects. **Max Headroom** became a national symbol for Coke, beating out the singing raisins for a national award as most popular commercial of 1986.

The Local Scene

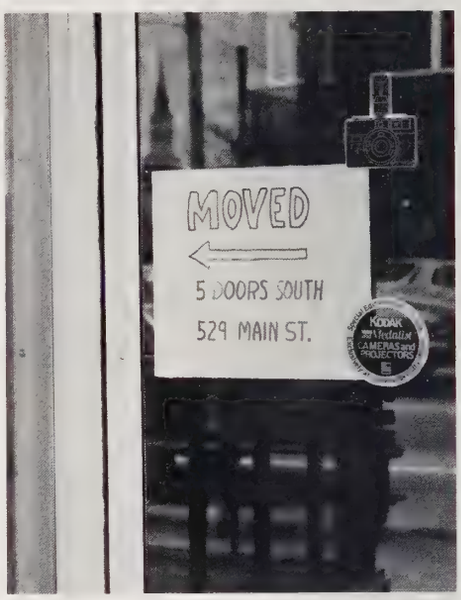
A Look Back

In downtown Hendersonville, complaints about cars, loud music and litter caused Main Street's "cruising traffic" to be rerouted on weekend nights. Objections to the "no cruisin' Main" policy led to a negotiated compromise with city officials. A teen center is the hoped-for result.

Also Main Street's Carolina Theatre which first opened in 1941, closed down due to "economic troubles as well as the theatre's location." First Federal Savings and Loan bought out much of the 500 block of Main Street to accommodate expansion. To many, the closing of the Carolina marked the end of an era. Other affected businesses moved to new locations or closed permanently.

During Thanksgiving week a manhunt for an accused bank robber caused tensions to run high in Henderson County. Law enforcement officers from across the state joined in the difficult search for Michael John Shornock, on Sugarloaf Mountain. The four day hunt ended with Shornock's death.

The weather was the big event in January and February when Henderson County was covered with an eleven inch snowfall, was pounded by over 50 mph winds and shivered in cold temperatures, all of which caused the loss of several school days.



With the closed-down Carolina Theatre in the background, Main Street in downtown Hendersonville is the site of the weekend cruising conflict.

As First Federal prepares to move in, many stores, including Barber's Camera Shop make plans for new locations.

During one of Henderson County's "blizzards" Becky Bringewatt hugs a really "cool" friend.

Goodbye to a Friend

Leander Johnson 1895 - 1987

"To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die," was a favorite saying of Mr. Leander Johnson's that characterized his life. He was closely involved with West Henderson High School and Rugby Jr. High School, for which he and his brother Vernon donated the land. The main concern of Mr. Johnson and his brother Vernon, who died in 1978, was the betterment of education for the children in our community.

For many years the brothers regularly came over to West to plant and care for flowers, shrubs, and trees. The trees in front of our administration building still thrive as reminders of their love and concern for others. Their additions to the school's environment were such a great inspiration to so many people in the community that the football stadium, Johnson Field, at West Henderson was named in their honor.

"To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die."
—Leander Johnson

As a last measure of generosity, the Johnson Farm was left as a gift to the Henderson County Board of Education. The brothers' desire was to have their farm become a heritage center for pupils in our community. The Johnson brothers gave much to others, not only material possessions, but their knowledge, friendship, and their time. The Johnson brothers will continue what they started when alive, "living in the hearts of those they left behind."

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What will be

Can you believe it? Another year has come and gone. The smiles, laughter, tears, and torments of the 1986-87 school year are over. What we have left are the fun-filled memories of what has been and thoughts of what will be.

Remember when Ronald McDonald greeted West High students that chilly morning in December?

Remember when we started school off as West Henderson, then overnight we became East Henderson, and then, strangely St. Henderson? Finally, during the month of January, we became the fun-loving Falcons of West Henderson once more.

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nes, Mike Ballard and Ja-
n Shropshire help return
onald McDonald to his
oper place after his inap-
opriate visit to West.

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dance put on by Actor's
Jenny Kumor, Karen
ca, Angie Dillard, Kelly
nson, and Dawn Miller
fun dancing to the la
st tunes.

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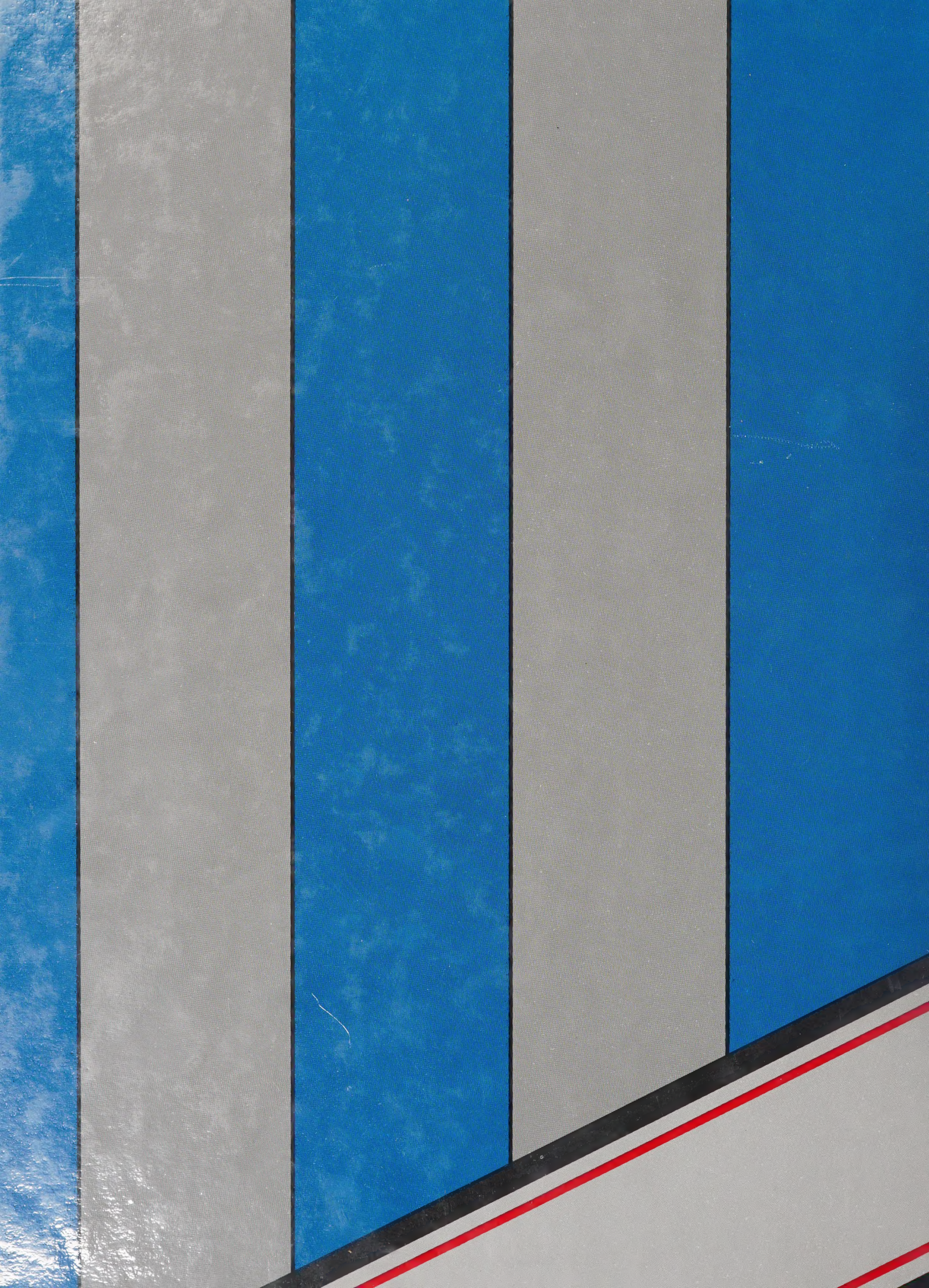
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